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MY APOSTLE, MAKOTO, HELPED HIS FORMER CLASSMATE, AYA SASAKI, EXACT HER REVENGE.
BUT JUST AS THEY WERE ABOUT TO LEAVE THE DUNGEON, THEY DE-TECTED THE PRESENCE OF YET ANOTHER ENEMY.

I'M SENSING SOME MONSTERS FIGHTING AGAINST A GROUP OF PEOPLE.
ARE YOU ALL HEALTHY ENOUGH TO CHECK IT OUT?
DON'T WORRY, MAKOTO, WE TRUST YOUR JUDGMENT!

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ALL RIGHT! LET'S GO!

NOW THEN, WHAT ADVENTURES WILL MY APOSTLE SHOW ME NEXT?

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THIS IS THE PLACE.
GRAAAGH!
WHOA! THERE'S A BIG GROUP DOWN THERE!
WE COULD JUMP IN AND HELP, BUT AGAINST THOSE NUMBERS...
I'LL JUST ROAST 'EM BONE-DRY!
WAIT, WAIT! YOU'LL END UP FRYING THE PEOPLE WE'RE TRYING TO HELP!
THEN WHAT DO WE DO?
HUMMM
I'LL SAVE THEM WITH MY MAGIC.
ELEMENTALS, OH ELEMENTALS, COULD YOU LEND A HAND?

Chapter 22

Makoto Takatsuki Fights alongside the Hero of Light I

PWAH

AAAAAAAH!

SPLOOSH

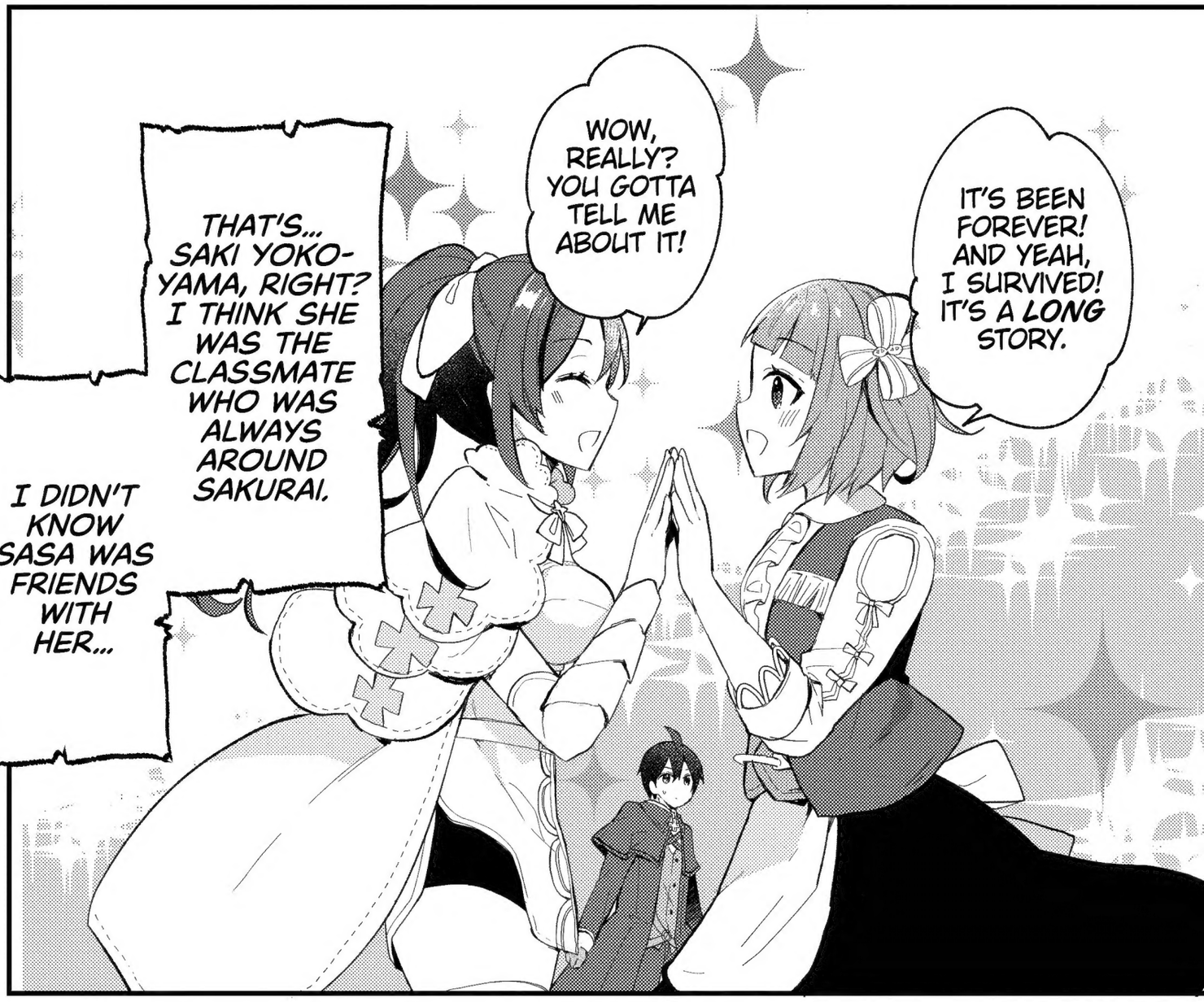
WATER MAGIC: WATER WHALE!

WHAT THE—? IT'S COMING UP FROM THE GROUND!

MORE FOES?!

IS EVERY-ONE OKAY?
SIR, ALL THE TROOPS ARE FINE.
THANK GOOD-NESS...
ドオ
DUHN
WHAT IN THE WORLD WAS THAT SPELL?
DID IT REPEL THE ENEMIES AND BRING US ALL THE WAY HERE?
YO, SAKURAI.

TAKA-TSUKI?! WAS THAT SPELL YOURS?
WELL, Y'KNOW, KINDA...
IT WAS LESS MINE AND MORE THE WORK OF THE ELE-MENTALS.
THAT WAS ONE HECK OF A SPELL! WE OWE YOU!
わあお
WOO-HOO
AT EASE, EVERYONE! THESE GUYS ARE ON OUR SIDE.
OH? IS THAT YOU, SAKI?
HUH? WAIT, COULD YOU BE... AYA? YOU'RE ALIVE?


IT'S BEEN FOREVER! AND YEAH, I SURVIVED! IT'S A LONG STORY.
WOW, REALLY? YOU GOTTA TELL ME ABOUT IT!
THAT'S... SAKI YOKO-YAMA, RIGHT? I THINK SHE WAS THE CLASSMATE WHO WAS ALWAYS AROUND SAKURAI.
I DIDN'T KNOW SASA WAS FRIENDS WITH HER...

ANYWAY, SAKURAI, WHAT HAP-PENED?
I THOUGHT THE SOLEIL KNIGHTS COULD HANDLE MIDDLE-FLOOR MON-STERS...
WE WERE ACTUALLY FIGHTING THE BLIGHT DRAGON DEEP IN THE LOWER FLOOR.

BUT THERE ARE TWO OF THEM WORKING TOGETHER... THIS COULD BE A PROBLEM.
GRAWR
AS IF FIGHTING AROUND THIS LAKE WASN'T HARD ENOUGH...
SIGH
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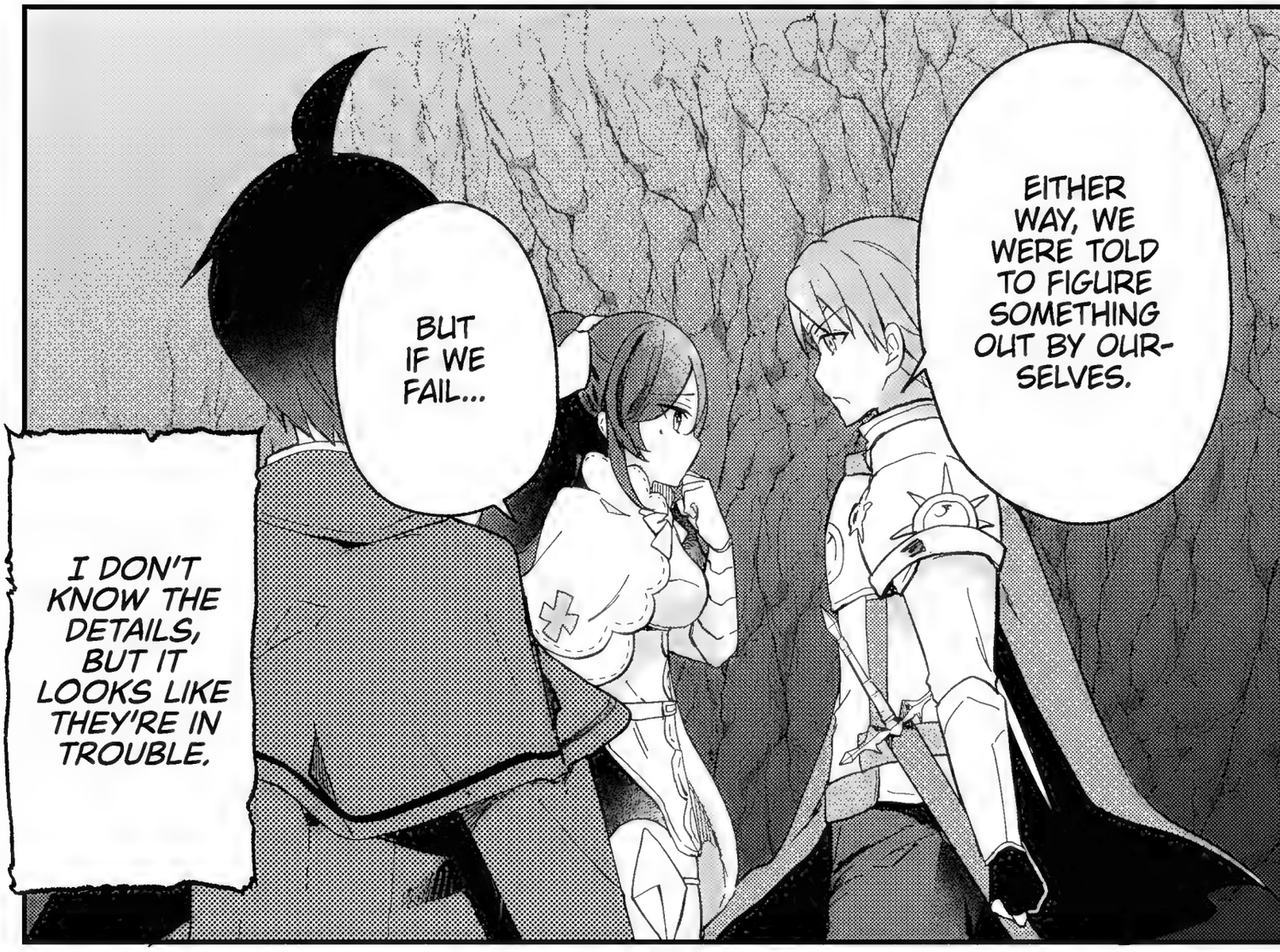
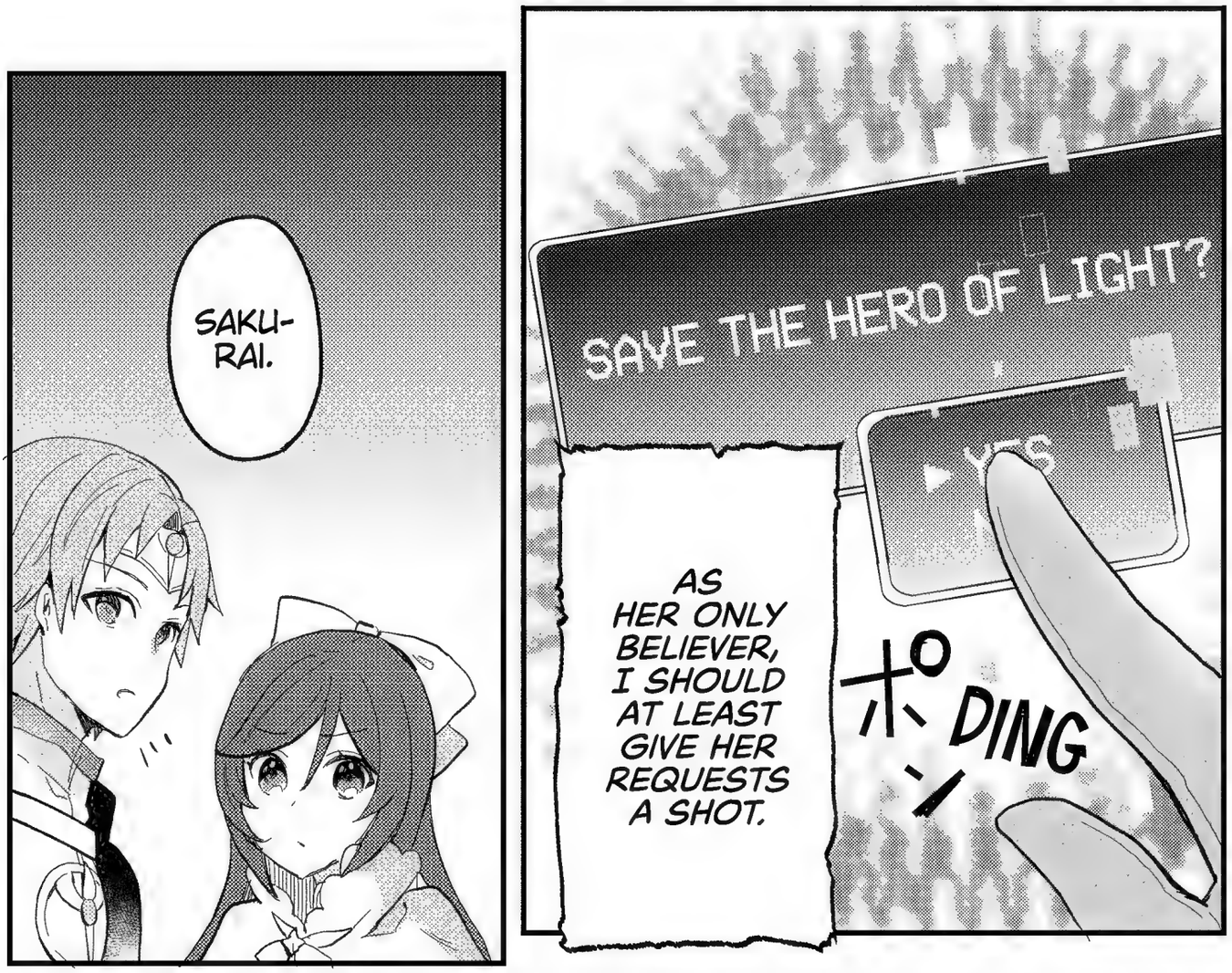
RUMBLE
WHAT'S THAT SOUND?
MY SCOUT SKILL'S PICKING UP ENEMIES!
TOO MANY FOR US TO HANDLE!
ザバー
SPLOOSH
DARN, IT WENT UNDERWATER AGAIN!
GAH!
!

UGH... ARE THEY ALREADY HERE?!
WE'RE ON THE VERGE OF BEING WIPED OUT!
ALL TROOPS! FULL RETREAT AT ONCE!
I SEE... WE FOUND YOU DURING YOUR ESCAPE TO THE MIDDLE FLOOR.
THANKFULLY, THERE WERE NO CASUALTIES, BUT THIS ATTEMPT WAS A FAILURE.

WAIT! THE WHITE GRANDSAGE IS HERE?!
THE GRANDSAGE IS ONLY HERE AS A BACKUP PLAN.
WE'RE SUPPOSED TO DO THIS OURSELVES.
MAYBE THINGS WOULD BE DIFFERENT IF THAT WHITE GRANDSAGE ACTUALLY HELPED OUT INSTEAD OF LYING BACK AND WATCHING.
THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO BE THE STRONGEST ON THE CONTINENT, RIGHT?
YEAH, EXACTLY! THE PERSON THAT EVERY MAGE ASPIRES TO BE!
I DIDN'T THINK SUCH A BIG SHOT WOULD BE INVOLVED IN A HUNT LIKE THIS...


EITHER WAY, WE WERE TOLD TO FIGURE SOMETHING OUT BY OURSELVES.
BUT IF WE FAIL...
I DON'T KNOW THE DETAILS, BUT IT LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE IN TROUBLE.

SMIRK
ニヤ！
HE'LL BE OF USE TO US LATER.
YOU ARE TO BEFRIEND THE HERO OF LIGHT.
WELL, NOAH DID GIVE ME ADVICE ABOUT THIS.
THE GODDESS SURE HAD A ROTTEN LOOK ON HER FACE...


SAKU-
RAI.
SAVE THE HERO OF LIGHT?
▶ YES
AS HER ONLY BELIEVER, I SHOULD AT LEAST GIVE HER REQUESTS A SHOT.
DING

CAN I HELP OUT?
YOU'D REALLY DO THAT FOR US?
DO YOU HAVE A PLAN?

YOU SAID THAT THE BLIGHT DRAGONS APPEAR OVER A LAKE, RIGHT?
YEAH.
I CAN'T PROMISE ANYTHING BEFORE I TRY, BUT...
WE'RE OUT OF OPTIONS. BY ALL MEANS, GO AHEAD.
GOT IT.

TUG
RYOUSUKE.
ARE YOU SERIOUSLY GONNA TRUST HIM?
I ANALYZED TAKATSUKI WITH MY MANA VISION SKILL...
...AND HE HAS LESS MANA THAN A RANDOM NOBODY.

EVEN IN HIGH SCHOOL, ALL HE DID WAS PLAY VIDEO GAMES INSTEAD OF STUDYING.
I'LL BET HE'S SLACKED OFF ON HIS TRAINING HERE TOO.
HIS SPELL *DID* SAVE US EARLIER, DIDN'T IT?

WELL, MAYBE... BUT HE SURE DOESN'T LOOK LIKE HE HAS THE MANA TO CAST IT.

SAKI, I TRUST YOUR MANA VISION.

BUT I'M POSITIVE THAT TAKATSUKI CAN DO THIS.

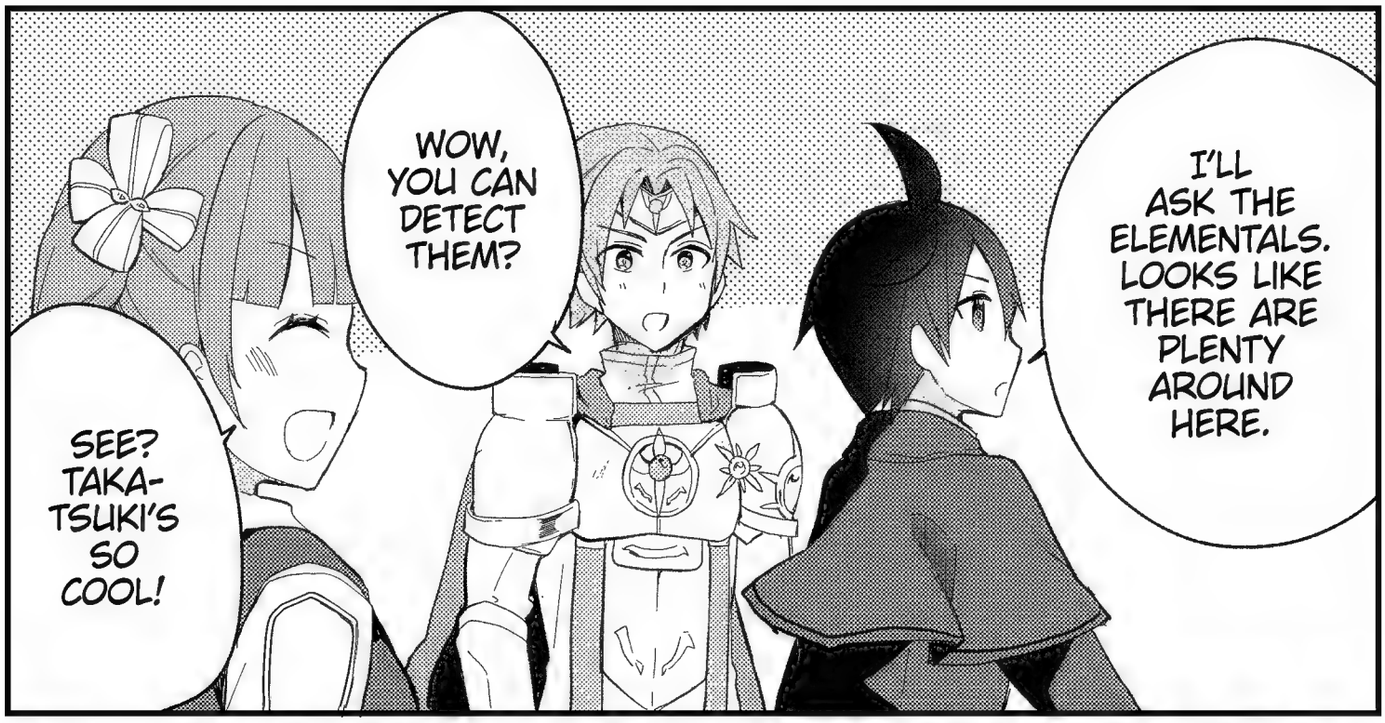
WHUH?! WHERE IS THIS BASELESS CONFIDENCE COMING FROM?
I THINK THIS IS OUT OF TAKATSUKI'S LEAGUE...

ALL RIGHT. LUCY, NINA, YOU WAIT HERE.
SASA, CAN YOU SHOW US THE WAY?
YOU GOT IT!
AND THE ONLY ONE HE'S TAKING ALONG IS AYA?
MAKOTO, YOU'RE SURE ABOUT THIS'H?
BE CAREFUL.
C'MON, YOU KNOW I'M NOT THAT RECKLESS.
SEE? THEY'RE WORRIED ABOUT HIM TOO...
HOPE HE DOESN'T FAINT AT THE SIGHT OF THE DRAGONS.
EVERYONE, LET'S HEAD OUT!
I'LL LEAD THE WAY!

SO THIS IS WHERE THE BLIGHT DRAGONS LIVE...
CAN YOU SEE THE CAVE OPENING ON THE FLOOR OF THE LAKE? THEY'RE IN THERE.
I SEE...
LABYRINTHOS LOWER FLOOR

...
YOU CAN IMAGINE HOW HARD IT IS TO FIGHT THEM HERE.
THEY RETREAT INTO THE LAKE, SO WE CAN'T EVEN KEEP THEM IN ONE PLACE.

HYPOTHETICALLY... WOULD THESE BLIGHT DRAGONS BE EASIER TO FIGHT IF I GOT THEM OUT OF THE DUNGEON?
WELL, IF WE'RE OUTSIDE, I CAN USE MY HERO OF LIGHT SKILL TO ITS FULL POTENTIAL.
IN SUNLIGHT, I'LL BE SURE TO WIN.
ALL RIGHT THEN, I'LL DRAG THE ENEMIES OUT OF THE WATER.
AS IF YOU COULD *EVER*-
NOW, NOW, JUST WATCH.


I'LL ASK THE ELEMENTALS. LOOKS LIKE THERE ARE PLENTY AROUND HERE.
WOW, YOU CAN DETECT THEM?
SEE? TAKA-TSUKI'S SO COOL!

HEEEY, ELEMENTALS! HOW YOU DOIN'?
YEAH, A FRIEND OF MINE'S HAVIN' TROUBLE WITH SOMETHING... YEP, HE'S IN A REAL BIND.
SEEING ELEMENTALS? PLEASE, HE'S JUST SAYING RANDOM JUNK!
I'VE NEVER ENCOUNTERED AN ELEMEN-TALER, EVEN IN HIGHLAND.

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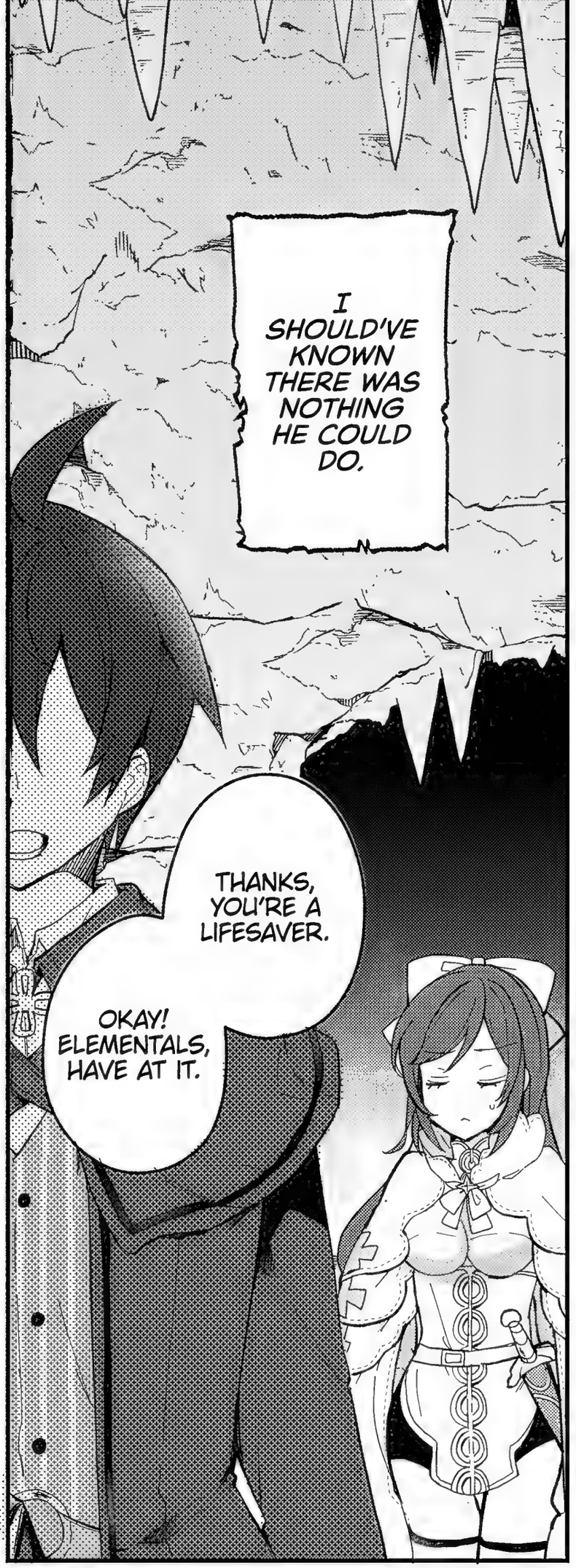
THUMP


I SHOULD'VE KNOWN THERE WAS NOTHING HE COULD DO.
THANKS, YOU'RE A LIFESAVER.
OKAY! ELEMENTALS, HAVE AT IT.

FEELS LIKE I'M BEING CRUSHED BY SOMETHING GIGANTIC... WHAT IN THE WORLD...?
WH-WHAT IS THIS? WHAT'S HAPPEN-ING?!

WHEW... IMPRESSIVE. IS THIS THE POWER OF THE ELEMENTALS?
GULP
YEAH. BUT I'VE NEVER SEEN SO MANY COME TOGETHER FOR ME.

THAT MANA'S SWIRLING LIKE A RAVAGING STORM...
...BUT IT'S CALM AROUND TAKATSUKI. IT FEELS LIKE HE'S STANDING IN THE EYE OF A TYPHOON.
I'M GONNA CAST THE SPELL NOW. IT'LL BE HARD TO CONTROL, SO STAND BACK.
OR LIKE... IT'S DE-CLARING HIM TO BE THE CENTER OF THIS VERY WORLD.
WHA?!

YOU COULDN'T POSSIBLY CONTROL ALL THIS MANA!
SAKI, LEAVE THIS TO TAKATSUKI.
HOW CAN HE LOOK LIKE THAT...?
HOW CAN RYOUSUKE LOOK AT TAKATSUKI WITH SUCH CONFIDENCE AND TRUST?

OKAY, HERE WE GO...
RUMBLE
AT THAT MO-MENT...

WATER MAGIC: YAMATA NO OROCHI!
...A MONSTER WAS CREATED RIGHT BEFORE MY EYES.

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I SPENT SEVEN DAYS BEFRIENDING THE ELEMENTALS TO HELP SASA AVENGE HER FAMILY.
THOUGH, SINCE I DIDN'T END UP USING THEM FOR **HER**...
...I'M PUTTING ALL OF THAT GOODWILL INTO **THIS**.

Chapter 23

Makoto Takatsuki Fights alongside the Hero of Light II

SO, ELEMENTALS, WE'VE GOT TWO OF THOSE JERKS DOWN IN THERE.
COULD YOU CHASE THEM OUT OF THE DUNGEON FOR US?
HISSSS
SPLOOSH
IT'S MY FIRST TIME USING ONE, BUT KING RANK SPELLS SURE MAKE AN IMPACT...
TAKA-TSUKI!

THAT WAS AMAZING! DID YOU JUST CAST KING RANK MAGIC?
YEAH. I JUST HOPE IT'S ENOUGH TO WORK ON THOSE BLIGHT DRAGONS...

SASA, CAN YOU TAKE YOKO-YAMA TO MEET UP WITH THE OTHERS?
SURE, BUT WHAT ABOUT YOU?

BEAMING
K-KING RANK?
SEE? TAKA-TSUKI'S SUPER COOL!

I NEED TO STAY HERE AND CONTROL THE SPELL UNTIL WE GET THE BLIGHT DRAGONS OUTSIDE.
YOU CAN'T DEFEAT THEM WITH THAT SPELL?
WATER MAGIC MIGHT LOOK FLASHY, BUT IT DOESN'T PACK MUCH OF A PUNCH...
SAKURAI, THERE'S A HOLE IN THE CEILING ABOVE THE UNDER-GROUND LAKE. FOLLOW ME THERE.
WE'LL CHASE THE DRAGONS OUTSIDE, AND THEN YOU CAN TAKE OVER.
GOT IT. LEAD THE WAY.
T-TAKA-TSUKI!
B-BEHIND YOU!

GRRRIIIGHT...
SPLOOSH

IT'S THEM! THE BLIGHT DRAGONS!
GOTTA SAY, THEY MAKE MORE OF AN IMPACT AS A PAIR!
ALL RIGHT... LET'S GO!
TAKATSUKI, SAKURAI, BE CAREFUL!
SAME TO YOU TWO!

COME TO THINK OF IT, SAKURAI...
I WAS PLANNING TO CHASE THE BLIGHT DRAGONS INTO THE AIR, BUT CAN YOU ACTUALLY FIGHT THEM LIKE THAT?
GRKH
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT. I CAN USE FLIGHT MAGIC!
HUH... OF COURSE YOU CAN.

BUT EVEN OUR BATTALION'S HIGH RANK SORCERERS WERE WIPED OUT...
HMMM...
WHAT ABOUT YOU, SAKURAI?
OH, RIGHT! TAKATSUKI, THE CRY OF A BLIGHT DRAGON SUPPOSEDLY CHILLS ONE'S HEART, SO...
HM, I THINK I'M OKAY.
IT'S PROBABLY AN EFFECT OF MY CALM MIND SKILL.
GRIIII
THIS OVER-POWERED SON OF A...
I SWEAR, EVER SINCE I'VE KNOWN THE GUY, HE'S—
WHOOPS! HEY NOW, DON'T FUSS.
I'M IMMUNE TO ALL STATUS EFFECTS THANKS TO THE BLESS-INGS OF THE SUN GODDESS.
...

LOOKS LIKE WE'VE JUST ABOUT MADE IT.
IT'S SO BRIGHT... I SEE, THE SUN MUST HAVE RISEN.

NEVER THOUGHT I'D USE THE HOLE LUCY'S SPELL MADE FOR *THIS*...
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
OH, JUST TALKING TO MYSELF.
TIME FOR THE FINISHING TOUCH!
I'M GONNA TOSS THOSE BLIGHT DRAGONS OUTTA HERE!
JUST REMEMBER THAT THIS SPELL IS POWERED BY THE DUNGEON'S ELEMENTALS...
...SO IT'LL DISAPPEAR THE MOMENT THEY MOVE OUTSIDE!
WHAT?
THAT'S NEWS TO ME!
HUH, MAYBE I SHOULD HAVE MENTIONED IT EARLIER...

BUT HEY, I'M SURE IT'S NOTHING *YOU* CAN'T HANDLE.
C'MON, HERO OF LIGHT, GO OUT AND SAVE THE DAY!
SMIRK
GH...
FINE, I'LL TAKE CARE OF THE REST!

LET'S GO, ELEMEN-TALS!
TAKE US TO THE SKIES!
WATER MAGIC: TIANLONG!

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NOW, WHERE'S SAKU-RAI...?

THANK YOU, ELEMENTALS...

KPI

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FLASH, SWORD OF LIGHT!

WHOA! HE'S SURROUNDED BY A GOLDEN AURA!

THAT'S THE HERO OF LIGHT SKILL!

BLESS ME WITH VICTORY!!!

SHIIINE

O GODDESS OF THE SUN...

DID SAKURAI... REALLY DO IT?
SWOOP
WAIT, SHOOT! THE OTHER ONE–
ゴオオオ
FWOOSH
IT'S HEADED... TOWARD LABYRINTH TOWN?!
YOU WON'T ESCAPE!

MY ESTEEMED TACKIE...
RUN! RUN AWAY!
IS THAT... THE BLIGHT DRAG-ON?!
LOOK UP THERE!

TAKATSUKI ALREADY GAVE ME ALL THE ASSISTANCE HE COULD.
I HAVE TO SOLVE THIS MYSELF, BUT–
IF I ATTACK WITHOUT RESTRAINT, I COULD HARM THE CITY AS WELL...

GRAWK
WHOOPTUM
GRIIGH?!
WHA...?

GRAWK
IS THAT... A BARRIER? IT LOOKS SEVERAL LAYERS DEEP!
COULD IT BE...?
I CAN THINK OF ONLY ONE MAGE CAPABLE OF SUCH A FEAT...

THE GRAND-SAGE...
THANK YOU VERY MUCH!
THE GRAND-SAGE CAST A BARRIER OVER THE CITY! WITH THEM PRO-TECTED...

I AM... THE HERO OF LIGHT!
HYAAAAAA!!!
WHERE THE LIGHT OF THE SUN SHINES, I AM SURE TO WIN!
...
GO GET 'EM, SAKURAI...
CLENCH

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HURRAY

SLA

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FLASH, SWORD OF LIGHT!

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TROOPS, LISTEN UP!!!
TONIGHT'S FEAST IS DEDICATED TO OUR SAVIOR, THE HERO OF LIGHT!
EVERY COIN OF THE TAB IS BEING PICKED UP BY HIGH-LAND, SO GIVE YOUR THANKS TO PRINCESS NOELLE!

CHEERS TO THE HERO OF LIGHT!
CHEERS TO THE SOLEIL KNIGHTS!
SIR SAKURAI, PLEASE, OVER HERE!
QUITE THE CELEBRATION, I MUST SAY.

LET'S HAVE OUR OWN PARTY AMONG COMRADES'H!
SASA, CONGRATS ON BEATING THE HARPY QUEEN!
THANK YOU!
AND I ALSO HAVE YOU ALL TO THANK FOR IT...
SO, WHAT'RE YOU PLANNING TO DO NEXT?

TAKATSUKI, YOU'RE GOING BACK TO THAT MACALLAN TOWN, RIGHT?
DO YOU THINK I CAN COME WITH?

WELL, OF COURSE YOU—
SQUISH
DO YOU EVEN NEED TO ASK? WE'RE A PARTY!

LUCY AND SASA ARE GETTING ALONG GREAT NOW. GOOD TO HEAR.
BUT AREN'T YOU AND MAKOTO GETTING A LITTLE CLOSE?
AWWW, C'MON...
YUP, YUP.

MY ESTEEMED TACKIE!
THIS PARTY OF YOURS SURELY INCLUDES YOUR COMPATRIOT, NO?!
FUJIYAN, YOU'VE GOT THE WRONG IDEA.
YOU AND I ARE PARTNERS, AREN'T WE?
MY GOODNESS! PARTNERS!
YES, IT HAS A FINE RING TO IT!
SOME THINGS NEVER CHANGE...
ADVENTURER OF MACALLAN, MAKOTO TAKATSUKI.

PRINCESS NOELLE HAS CHOSEN TO GRACE YOU WITH HER GRATITUDE, SO COME THIS WAY!
MAN, I DON'T HAVE A GREAT TRACK RECORD WITH PRINCESSES...
SIR SAKURAI WILL ACCOMPANY YOU, SO THERE'S SURELY NO NEED FOR CONCERN!
FOR REAL?

GOOD LUCK!
CRAP... EASY FOR YOU TO SAY...
WHY ME?
HEY THERE, TAKATSUKI.
AH, HEY, SAKURAI. WHAT'D SHE WANNA CALL ME OVER FOR?

WHEN I TOLD PRINCESS NOELLE ABOUT YOU, SHE WAS EAGER TO HAVE A WORD.
...
SO IT'S YOUR FAULT!
SORRY! MY BAD.
BUT YOU'RE THE REAL HERO BEHIND THE DEFEAT OF THE BLIGHT DRAGONS, AREN'T YOU?
PLEASE, ALL I DID WAS SUPPORT YOU.
COME NOW, DON'T BE SO MODEST.
SO YOU'RE MAKOTO TAKATSUKI?

STARE
STARE
SIIIGH...
HMPH. YOU'RE HARDLY DRESSED TO STAND BEFORE ROYALTY.
WHAT'S THIS GEEZER'S DEAL?
I KNEW IT. PRINCESSES ARE NOTHING BUT BAD NEWS...
I'LL JUST GO THROUGH THE MOTIONS AND GET IT OVER WITH QUICKLY...
SIGH...
PRINCESS, YOUR COMPANY HAS ARRIVED.

THANK YOU.
A PLEASURE TO MEET YOU, MAKOTO.
I AM THE PRIESTESS OF THE SUN, NOELLE ALTHENA HIGHLAND.
SO THIS IS PRINCESS NOELLE...
SHE LOOKS LIKE A PRINCESS FROM A FAIRY TALE.
WAIT, I RECOGNIZE THAT FACE NEXT TO HER! DON'T TELL ME...

THE PRIESTESS OF WATER, PRINCESS SOPHIA, IS HERE TOO?!

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Chapter 24

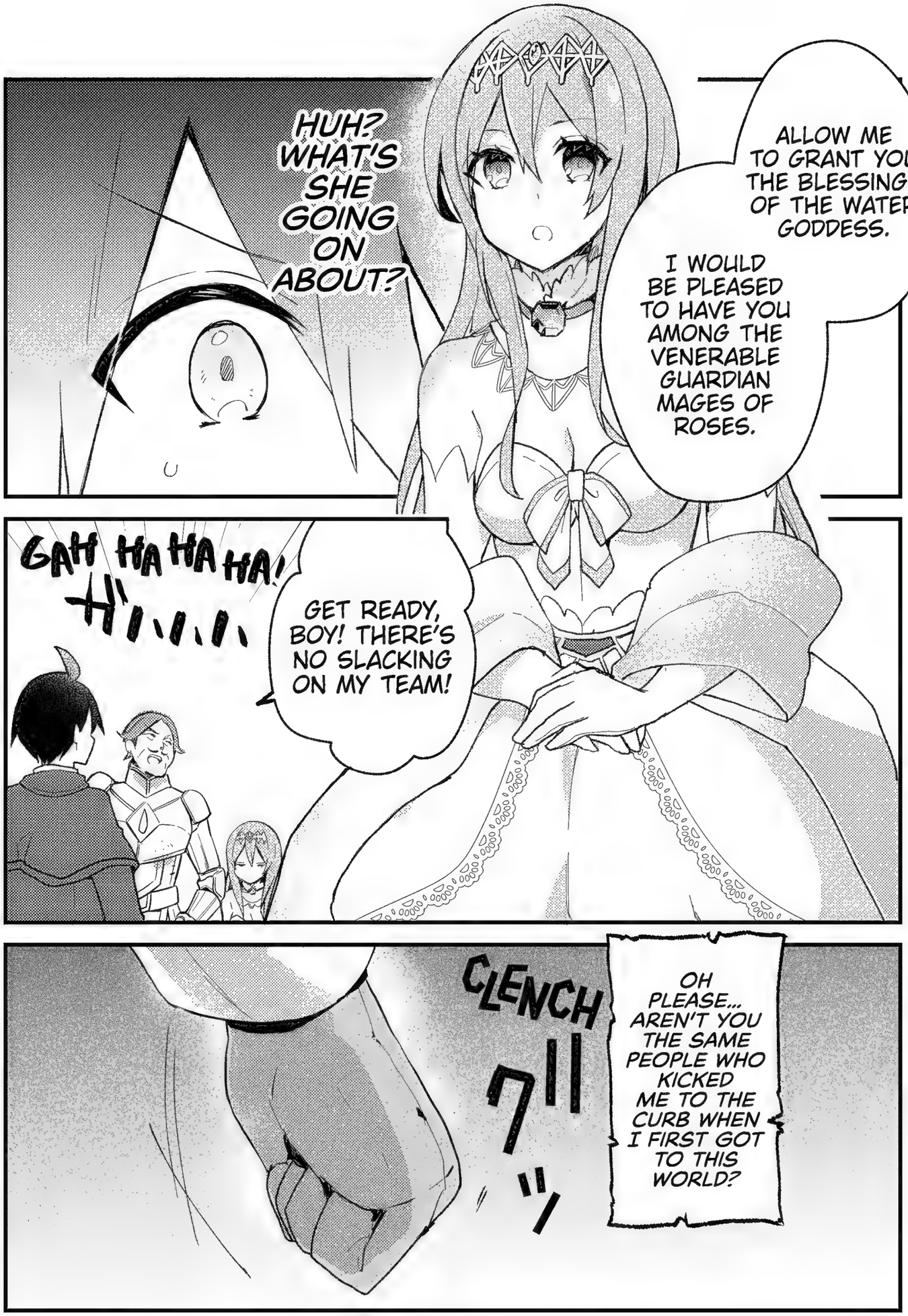
Makoto Takatsuki Speaks with a Princess

...BUT IT WAS SAKURAI WHO REALLY DEFEATED THEM.
COME NOW, DON'T BE SO MODEST.
THANKS TO YOUR EFFORTS, WE SUCCEEDED WITHOUT A SINGLE CASUALTY.
TEE HEE
YOU TWO ARE WELL ACQUAINTED, I SEE.
WE'LL OFFICIALLY EXPRESS OUR GRATITUDE SOON ENOUGH.
I HEARD THAT SHE WAS NEXT IN LINE TO BE THE HIGHEST AUTHORITY OF THE BIGGEST NATION ON THE CONTINENT...
...YET SHE SEEMS MORE LAID-BACK THAN I EXPECTED.
UH... IT'S AN HONOR.
I'VE GOT NO CLUE WHAT TO SAY!
GLANCE チラ
SAKURAI! THROW ME A LINE!

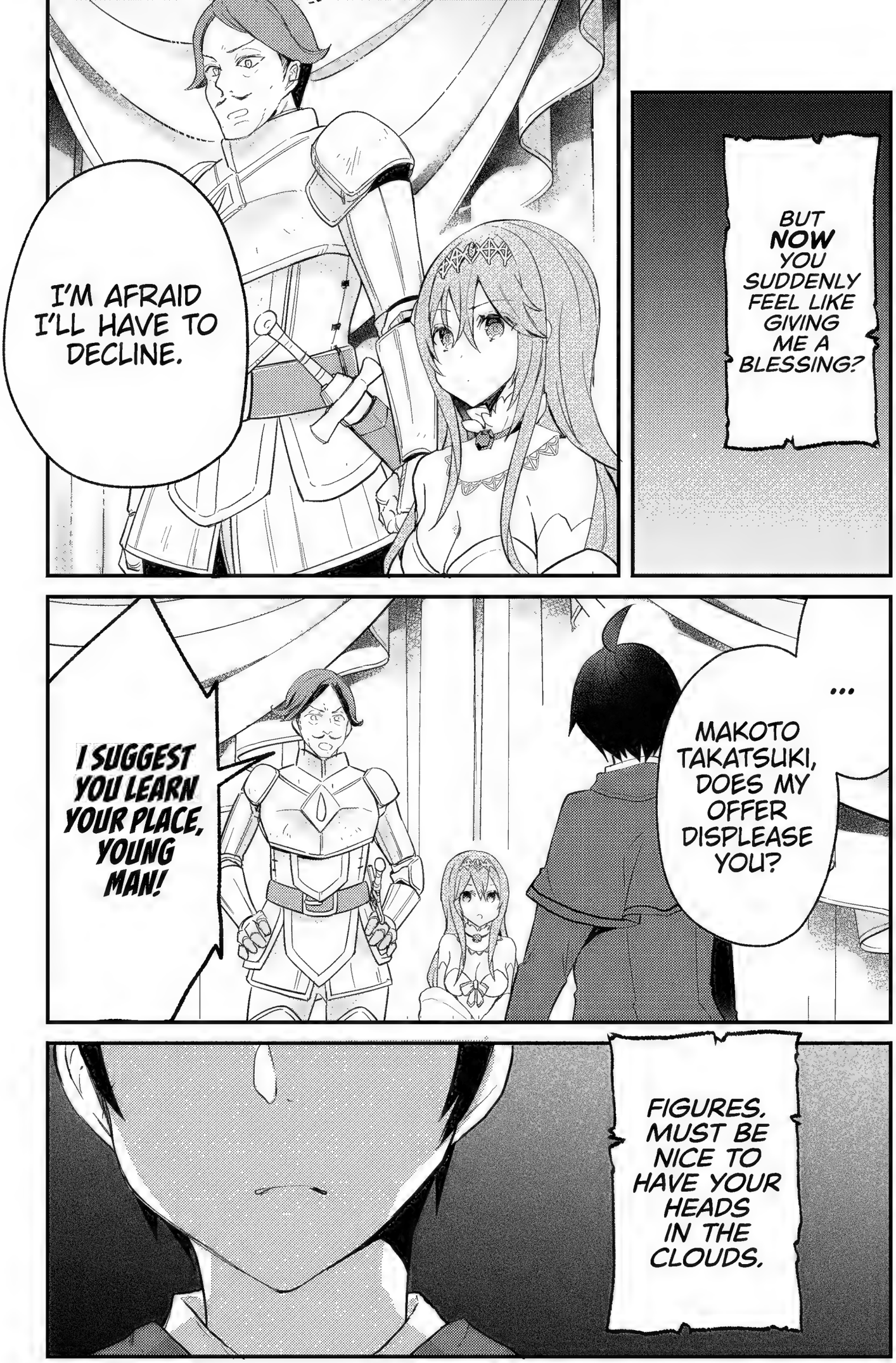
MY, IT'S RARE OF YOU TO SAY THAT OF SOMEONE, SIR RYOU-SUKE.
PRINCESS NOELLE, THIS MAN IS A SUPERB MAGE. PERHAPS WE COULD INVITE HIM TO HIGHLAND AS A GUEST OF HONOR?
NO! NOT LIKE THAT! SAKURAAA!!!
BUT I'M AFRAID HE'S A CITIZEN OF ROSES.
BRINGING HIM HOME WITH US WOULD MAKE SOME PEOPLE QUITE DISPLEASED. RIGHT, LADY SOPHIA?
UGH, I FORGOT SHE WAS HERE...

YES. HE IS A CITIZEN OF MY NATION.
A PLEASURE TO MEET YOU, MAKOTO TAKATSUKI. YOU DID WELL IN THIS BATTLE.

DID SHE...
...FORGET ALL ABOUT ME?
I'VE HEARD THAT YOU'RE AN OUTSTANDING MAGE.


HUH? WHAT'S SHE GOING ON ABOUT?
ALLOW ME TO GRANT YOU THE BLESSINGS OF THE WATER GODDESS.
I WOULD BE PLEASED TO HAVE YOU AMONG THE VENERABLE GUARDIAN MAGES OF ROSES.
GAH HA HA HA!
GET READY, BOY! THERE'S NO SLACKING ON MY TEAM!
CLENCH
OH PLEASE... AREN'T YOU THE SAME PEOPLE WHO KICKED ME TO THE CURB WHEN I FIRST GOT TO THIS WORLD?

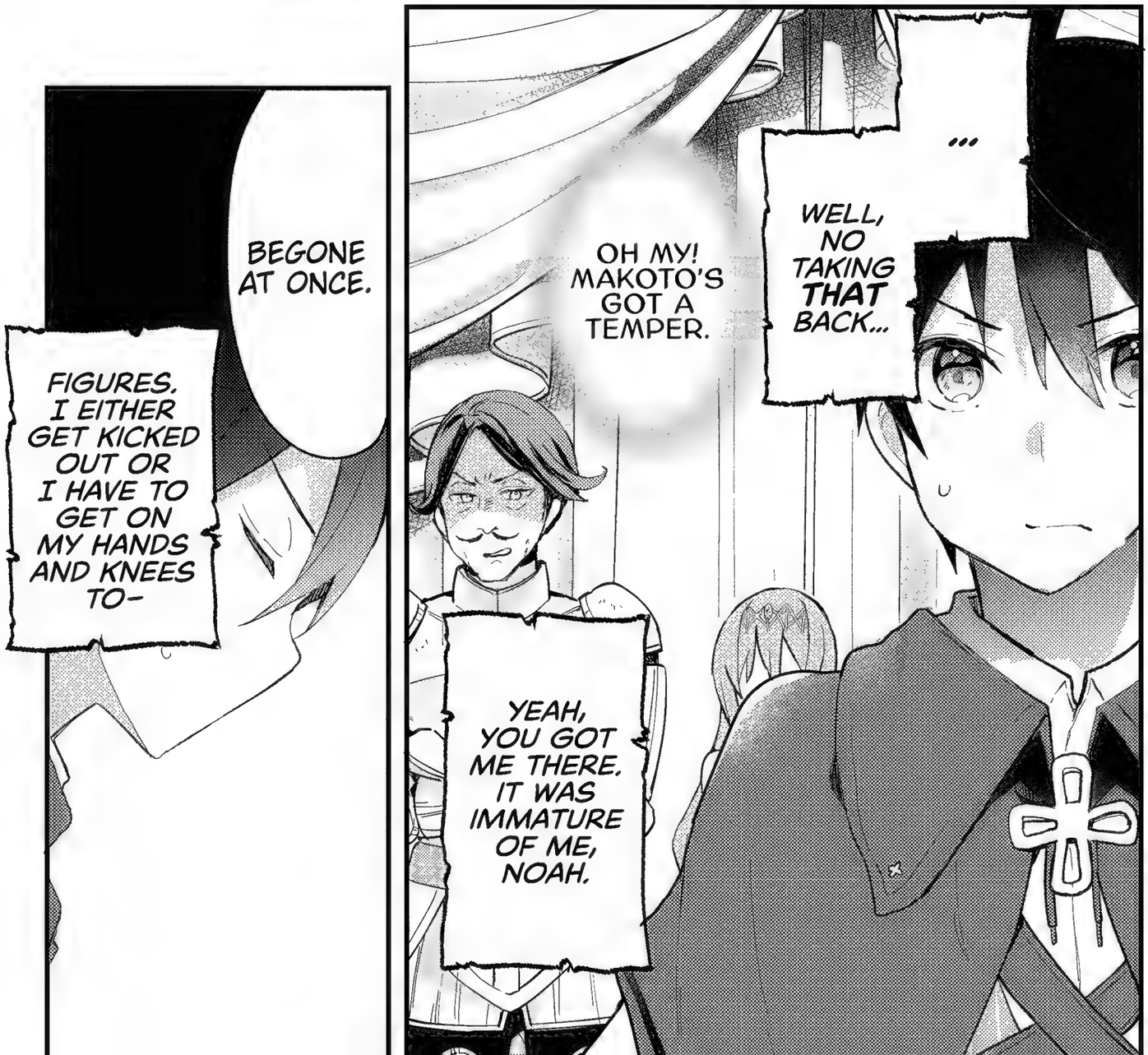
BACK WHEN I WANTED NOTHING MORE THAN THE WATER GODDESS'S BLESSING, YOU TOLD ME I "NEEDED MORE TRAINING" BEFORE TURNING AND LEAVING.
YOU SAID THERE WAS A "NEXT TIME," BUT YOU JUST FORGOT ABOUT ME, DIDN'T YOU?


I'M AFRAID I'LL HAVE TO DECLINE.
BUT NOW YOU SUDDENLY FEEL LIKE GIVING ME A BLESSING?
I SUGGEST YOU LEARN YOUR PLACE, YOUNG MAN!
...
MAKOTO TAKATSUKI, DOES MY OFFER DISPLEASE YOU?
FIGURES. MUST BE NICE TO HAVE YOUR HEADS IN THE CLOUDS.

LAST TIME, WHEN I TOLD YOU HOW MUCH I WANTED TO BECOME A BELIEVER OF THE WATER GODDESS, YOU DIDN'T GIVE ME A SECOND LOOK.
BUT NOW YOU'RE TELLING ME TO BECOME YOUR ALLY?
SOUNDS A LITTLE SELF-SERVING TO ME.

WAIT, COULD YOU BE...?

HOW DARE YOU SPEAK THAT WAY!
DON'T THINK FOR A MOMENT THAT YOU HAVE A PLACE IN ROSES WITH THAT ATTITUDE!
THEN I'LL PACK MY BAGS. ANYTHING BEATS WORKING FOR YOU PEOPLE.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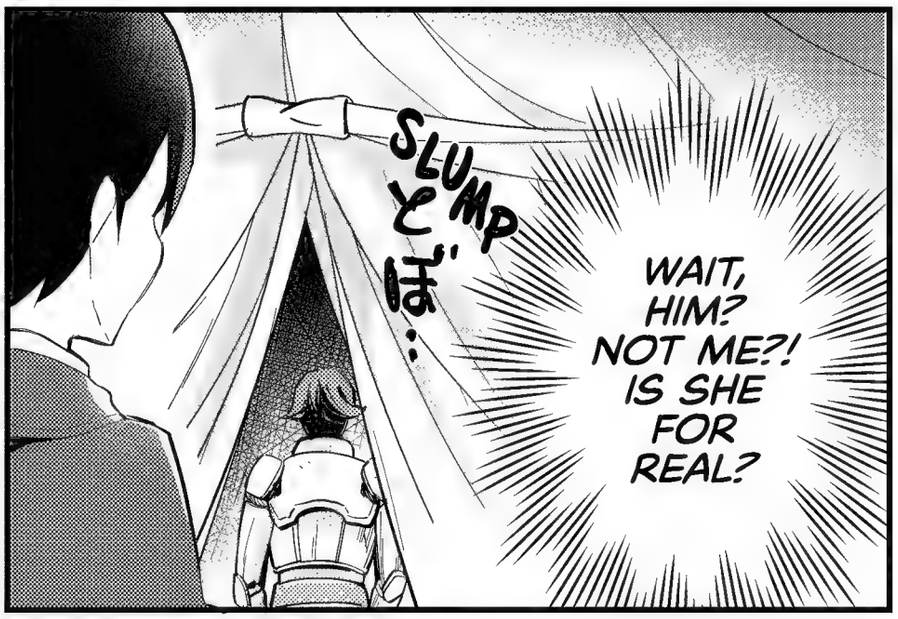
WELL, NO TAKING THAT BACK...
OH MY! MAKOTO'S GOT A TEMPER.
YEAH, YOU GOT ME THERE. IT WAS IMMATURE OF ME, NOAH.
BEGONE AT ONCE.
FIGURES. I EITHER GET KICKED OUT OR I HAVE TO GET ON MY HANDS AND KNEES TO-

YOU ARE TO RESIGN AS MY GUARDIAN KNIGHT.
HUH?!
L-LADY SOPHIA?!
WHA?!

GLARE キッ
THAT IS YOUR PUNISHMENT FOR OFFENDING AND ATTEMPTING TO CHASE OFF THE HERO WHO SAVED LABYRINTH TOWN.
B-BUT I...
THIS BOY IS MERELY AN APPRENTICE MAGE! WHY SHOULD I-

NO MATTER HIS STATUS, HE SAVED THE TOWN. THAT IS A FACT.
I WILL SAY THIS ONE LAST TIME: BEGONE AT ONCE.
V-VERY WELL...

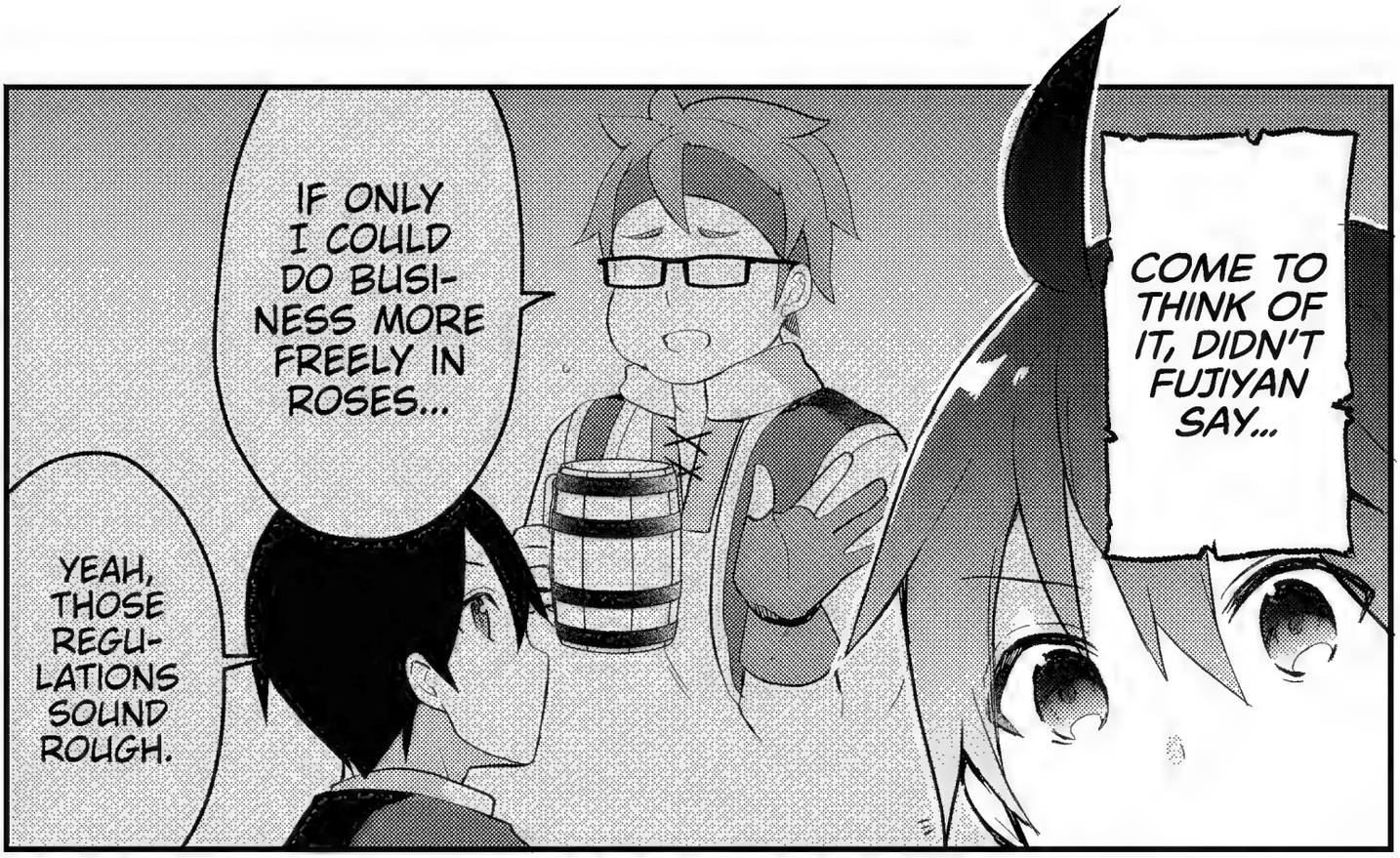
RISE スッ
ALLOW ME TO MAKE A FRESH START.

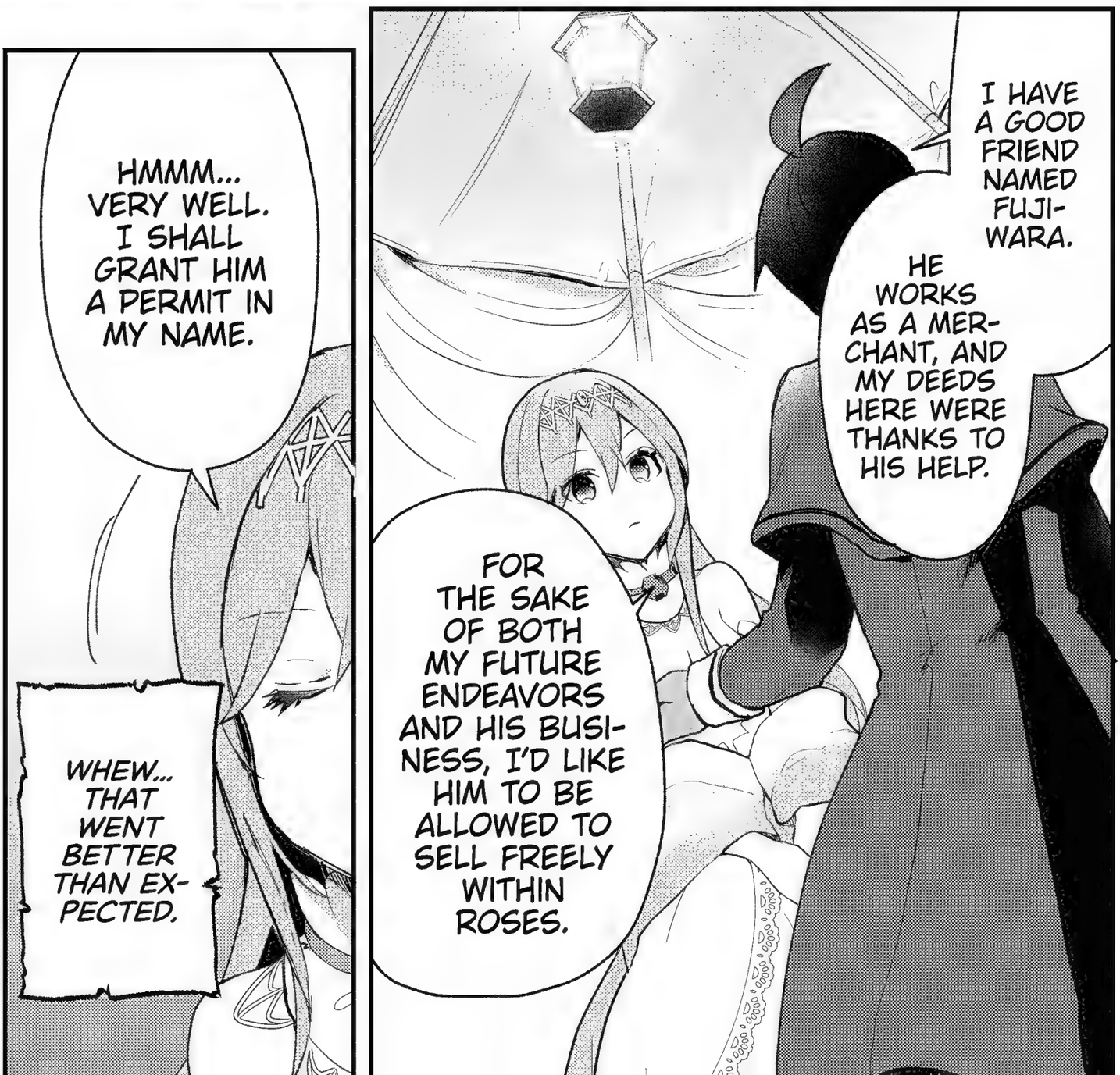

SLUMP どぼ…
WAIT, HIM? NOT ME?! IS SHE FOR REAL?

MAKOTO TAKATSUKI, I SINCERELY APOLOGIZE.

YOU ARE A HERO WHO SAVED THIS CITY...
HENCE-FORTH, I WOULD LIKE YOU TO REMAIN IN ROSES.
I'M STUNNED... I NEVER THOUGHT SHE'D SHOW THAT KIND OF HUMILITY.
WELL... I'M FOND OF MACALLAN, SO I PLAN TO CONTINUE BEING AN ADVENTURER IN ROSES.

WAIT, DID I JUST SEE...?
I SEE... THAT'S GOOD TO HEAR.
I FEEL LIKE HER EXPRESSION ACTUALLY LOOSENED UP FOR JUST A MOMENT.
FRUMP ス～
I CAN'T SAY THAT IT WILL SUFFICE AS AN APOLOGY...
...BUT IF YOU HAVE ANY WISHES, I'LL SEE THEM GRANTED.
HOW GEN-EROUS. WISHES... WISHES, HUH?


COME TO THINK OF IT, DIDN'T FUJIYAN SAY...
IF ONLY I COULD DO BUSINESS MORE FREELY IN ROSES...
YEAH, THOSE REGULATIONS SOUND ROUGH.


I HAVE A GOOD FRIEND NAMED FUJIWARA.
HE WORKS AS A MERCHANT, AND MY DEEDS HERE WERE THANKS TO HIS HELP.
FOR THE SAKE OF BOTH MY FUTURE ENDEAVORS AND HIS BUSINESS, I'D LIKE HIM TO BE ALLOWED TO SELL FREELY WITHIN ROSES.
HMMM... VERY WELL. I SHALL GRANT HIM A PERMIT IN MY NAME.
WHEW... THAT WENT BETTER THAN EXPECTED.

THIS WILL SERVE AS YOUR PERMIT.
YOU'VE DONE A FINE DEED FOR THIS TOWN. I EXPECT GREAT THINGS FROM YOU GOING FORWARD.
THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
I'LL BE TAKING MY LEAVE NOW.
ALSO, MAKOTO.

IF YOU ARE UNSURE OF WHERE TO GO NEXT...
...HIGHLAND WILL WELCOME YOU WHENEVER YOU WISH.
HA HA HA.
OOOH! SHE'S GLARING, SHE'S GLARING!
GLARE
AND IF YOU EVER NEED HELP, FEEL FREE TO ASK ANYTIME.
APPRECIATE IT, SAKURAI.
I COULD KINDA USE SOME HELP RIGHT NOW, THANKS!

I'M EXHAUSTED. AT LEAST THINGS WORKED OUT... I HOPE.
WELCOME BACK, MAKOTO.
HOW'D IT GO?
FUJIYAN, I GOT YOU A SOUVENIR.
A SOUVENIR? WHAT MANNER OF...?
PRINCESS SOPHIA ASKED IF I WANTED ANYTHING...
...SO I GOT YOU A PERMIT TO SELL GOODS IN ROSES.
M-MY GOODNESS...

I DON'T LIKE THE LOOK ON FUJIYAN'S FACE.
HEH HEH HEH...
クク…
GEH HEH HEH. YES, THIS WILL PROVE TO BE A FINE BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY...
MY ESTEEMED TACKIE, YOU HAVE MY THANKS! TO THINK YOU'D GRACE ME WITH A PERMIT FROM PRINCESS SOPHIA HERSELF...

...SO A LOT OF THEM END UP FLEEING ROSES'H.
PRINCESS SOPHIA HAS STRICT RULES FOR THE WARRIORS AND MAGES SHE SCOUTS...
STILL, IT SOUNDS LIKE THE PRINCESS REALLY WANTS YOU TO STAY IN THE COUNTRY.
GUESS THAT PRINCESS HAS HER OWN PROBLEMS, HUH?

HEY. GOOD JOB OVER THERE.
SAKURAI! DID YOU REALLY HAVE TO CALL ME OVER AND THEN JUST STAND THERE?
HA HA, SORRY ABOUT THAT.
HEY, TAKA-TSUKI...
WELL, UM... THANKS FOR TODAY.

IT WAS NOTHING. DON'T SWEAT IT.
IT DEFINITELY WASN'T NOTHING! THAT WAS A KING RANK SPELL, RIGHT?!
I GUESS. SO, WHAT'RE YOU HERE FOR?

MUTTER
There's barely anyone in Highland who can use king rank magic...
MUTTER
IT SEEMS THAT THE GRANDSAGE WISHES TO MEET YOU TOO!
THAT'S GREAT! THE WHITE GRANDSAGE, IN THE FLESH! NICE GOING, MAKOTO!

MAN... I DON'T WANNA MEET MORE BIGWIGS...
I'LL HAVE YOU KNOW THAT THE GRAND-SAGE RANKS ABOVE EVEN PRINCESS NOELLE!
RELAX! I WAS TOLD YOU CAN BRING YOUR FRIENDS ALONG.

WOW! TO THINK THAT I CAN MEET THE GRANDSAGE TOO...
I WANNA KEEP EATING, SO I THINK I'LL SIT THIS ONE OUT...
I'M BEGGIN' YA. SASA, PLEASE COME WITH...
AWWW...
HAVING FRIENDS THERE MIGHT HELP ME KEEP MY COOL.
BA-DUMP ドキ
BA-DUMP ドキ
MUNCH
I'D LIKE TO EXTEND MY GRATI-TUDE TO THE PRINCESS FOR GRANT-ING THIS PERMIT.
IN THAT CASE, YOU CAN COME WITH ME, FUJIWARA.
ALL RIGHT! SEE YOU LATER!
NOW THEN, ALLOW ME TO SHOW YOU THE WAY!
STARE
MR. TAKATSUKI, YOU CAN'T ACT LIKE YOU JUST DID IN FRONT OF THE GRANDSAGE, GOT IT'H?
GEH... YOU ACTUALLY HEARD ALL THAT? NOTHING GETS PAST THOSE EARS.

DO YOU KNOW WHAT KIND OF PERSON THIS WHITE GRANDSAGE IS?
THE FIRST GRANDSAGE WAS THE HERO WHO FOUGHT AGAINST THE GREAT DEMON LORD A THOUSAND YEARS AGO. THE CURRENT ONE IS THE FIFTIETH GENERATION.
HUH. BUT THE FIRST ONE BEING AMAZING DOESN'T SAY MUCH ABOUT THE DESCENDANTS, RIGHT?
OH, ON THE CONTRARY, AYA! THE GRANDSAGE POSSESSES THE INHERITANCE SKILL.

WAIT HERE A MOMENT.
THAT MEANS THE POWER OF THE ORIGINAL GRANDSAGE WAS PASSED DOWN THROUGHOUT THE GENERATIONS.
I SEE... SOUNDS LIKE A STRONG SKILL.
MAKOTO!
ビク TWITCH
SKRRR
YOU MUSTN'T... GO IN... THERE... THE BARRIER...
NOAH?

SKRSSSH
SKZRRRR
DON'T... MEET...
GRAND-SAGE, IT'S ME, SAKURAI.
I CAME WITH TAKATSUKI, THE ELEMENTALER.
I'VE NEVER HEARD HER VOICE BREAKING UP LIKE THIS.
IF I WANT TO FOLLOW NOAH'S ADVICE, DOES THAT MEAN I SHOULDN'T GO INSIDE?

THE GRANDSAGE SENT ME A TELEPATHIC MESSAGE ASKING FOR YOU ALL TO GO ALONE.
YOU GOTTA BE KIDDING...
WHAT HAP-PENED?
HUH? Y-YES, UNDER-STOOD.
UGH, IT'S HARD TO SAY NO...
LET'S GO, MAKOTO!
PLEASE, HEAD IN-SIDE.
IF I DON'T EVEN GET TO HAVE SAKURAI WITH ME, MAYBE NOAH'S RIGHT ABOUT THIS BEING A BAD IDEA.
SCREW IT! I'LL JUST PREPARE FOR THE WORST...
GULP

PARDON US...
COME CLOSER. WE CAN'T CHAT PROPERLY WHEN YOU'RE ALL THE WAY OVER THERE.
I IMAGINED THE GRAND-SAGE TO BE SOME OLD MAN, BUT THAT VOICE SOUNDS LIKE A YOUNG GIRL'S.

A WHITE HOOD...
SNOW-WHITE HAIR...
THIS MUST BE THE WHITE GRAND-SAGE.
WELL, NOW.

HM, THAT JUST WON'T DO.
NO, NOT ONE BIT...
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AN APOSTLE TO A WICKED DEITY, ARE YOU NOT?
WHA?!

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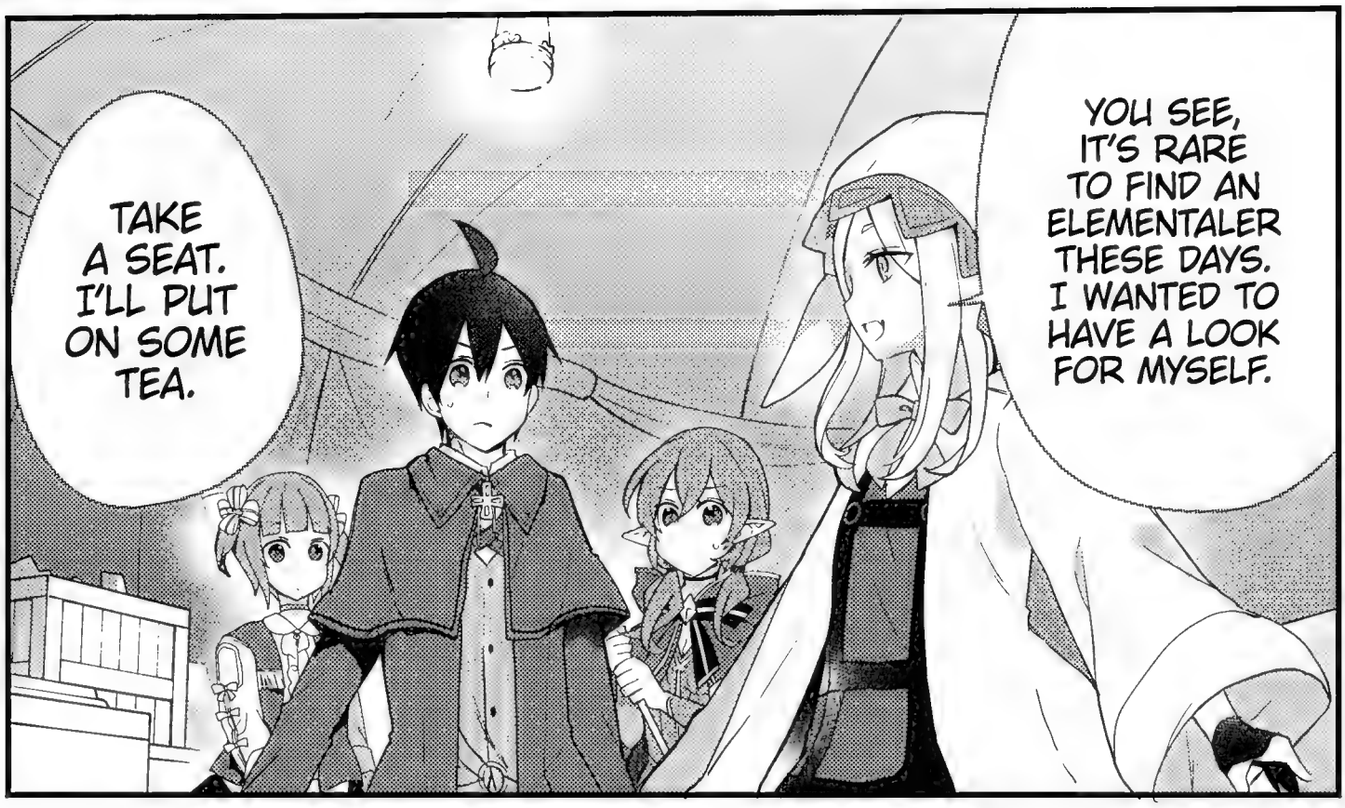
Chapter 25
Makoto Takatsuki Speaks with a Sage

BY THE WAY, DID YOU KNOW THEY GIVE YOU A DEATH SENTENCE FOR HERESY IN HIGHLAND?
BAR-BARIANS, AREN'T THEY?
OH NO! SHE'S GOT THE APPRAISAL SKILL!
IS THIS WHAT NOAH WARNED ME ABOUT?!
MY HEAD'S GONNA ROLL IF THEY FIND OUT... I'VE GOTTA PLAY IT OFF!
UHHH...
WH-WHO, ME? NAHHH!

SQUINT
BA-DUMP

BA-DUMP

HEH...?!
HMPH...
OH, SETTLE DOWN. YOU DID HELP THAT HERO OF LIGHT BOY, DID YOU NOT?


YOU SEE, IT'S RARE TO FIND AN ELEMENTALER THESE DAYS. I WANTED TO HAVE A LOOK FOR MYSELF.
TAKE A SEAT. I'LL PUT ON SOME TEA.

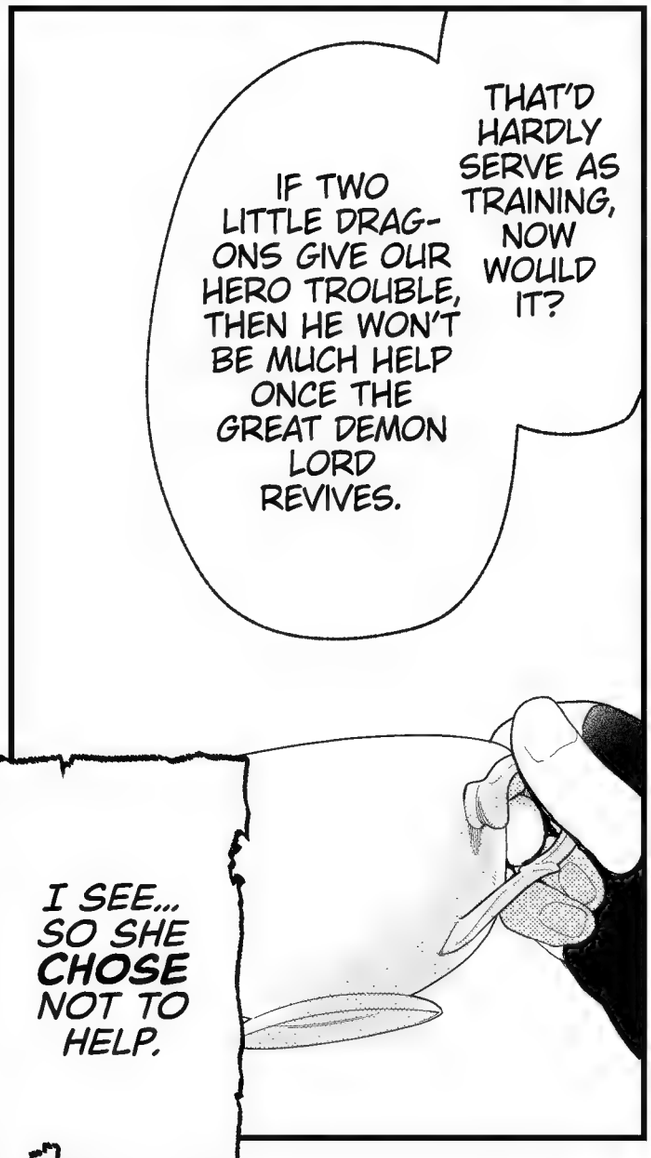
OH, NOT THERE.
YOU'LL BE SITTING HERE.
PAT
PAT
RIGHT NEXT TO HER? WHY?!
If you insist...
NO, NOW'S NOT THE TIME TO CAUSE A FUSS. I'LL JUST BE A GOOD GUEST AND ACCEPT.

Whoa...
FWOOM
SHLOOSH
NOW FOR SNACKS... THIS SHOULD SUFFICE.
POP

WHA...? WAS THAT TELEPORT?
FWOOSH
SHARP, AREN'T YOU?

ONLY A HANDFUL OF PEOPLE ON THE CONTINENT CAN PULL OFF MAGIC AS HUGE AS A CHANTLESS TELEPORT SPELL, BUT SHE JUST WHIPPED IT OUT LIKE IT WAS NOTHING!
SHE'S OFF THE CHARTS... NO WAY I CAN STAND UP TO HER.
HECK, EVEN ESCAPE MIGHT NOT BE AN OPTION.
SO, WHAT'DJA CALL US FOR?
SASA, MEAN-WHILE, JUST DOES HER OWN THING...

I HEARD THAT A PRACTITIONER OF ELEMENTAL MAGIC DREW OUT THE BLIGHT DRAGONS.
I ALREADY TOLD YOU, NO?
YOU SIMPLY PIQUED MY INTEREST.


IF TWO LITTLE DRAGONS GIVE OUR HERO TROUBLE, THEN HE WON'T BE MUCH HELP ONCE THE GREAT DEMON LORD REVIVES.
THAT'D HARDLY SERVE AS TRAINING, NOW WOULD IT?
I SEE... SO SHE CHOSE NOT TO HELP.

BY MY ESTIMATE, I EXPECTED THE HUNT TO TAKE ANOTHER MONTH.
I HEARD THAT IT COULD'VE GONE A LOT FASTER IF YOU'D HELPED, THOUGH.

I HEARD THAT HIGHLAND DOESN'T TAKE KINDLY TO HERETICS, BUT MAYBE SHE'LL LET ME SLIDE?
Oh, this tastes nice.
STILL, AN APOSTLE OF THE WICKED DEITY NOAH? THIS MAKES THE SECOND ONE I'VE MET.
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TWITCH
ER, NO... I THINK THERE'S SOME SORT OF MISTAKE...
IF I RECALL, SHE GAINED HER LAST APOSTLE A THOUSAND YEARS AGO...
HE WAS ONE OF THE NINE DEMON LORDS SERVING THE GREAT DEMON LORD. THEY CALLED HIM THE MAD HERO.
UH... HUH?

HE SHOWS UP IN TALES OF THE SAVIOR AS AN ENEMY TO ALL MANKIND.
DO YOU MEAN THAT LEGENDARY HERO KILLER?
LUCY, WHO'S THIS MAD HERO?
HE WAS CALLED THE RIGHT HAND OF THE GREAT DEMON LORD, AND HE SLAUGHTERED EVERY HERO FROM A THOUSAND YEARS AGO EXCEPT FOR THE HERO OF LIGHT.
IN THE END, HE WAS VANQUISHED BY ABEL THE SAVIOR.
OR, SO THE LEGEND GOES.

HUH? WAIT, NOAH, WHAT'VE YOU BEEN UP TO?
THIS IS KINDA NEWS TO ME, Y'KNOW!
SO MAKOTO'S BEEN AN APOSTLE OF THE WICKED DEITY NOAH THIS WHOLE TIME?
...
YES... BUT THE APOSTLE I KNEW WAS EVEN FURTHER CRAZED.
CERTAINLY TOO FAR GONE TO HOLD A CONVERSATION WITH.

YOU SOUND LIKE YOU MET THE MAD HERO IN PERSON.
IN A SENSE... I DO CARRY THE MEMORIES OF A THOUSAND YEARS AGO WITHIN ME.
I SEE. THAT MUST BE A PART OF HER INHERITANCE SKILL.
THAT SAID, BOY...
DO YOU STILL DESIRE TO BE HER APOSTLE?
H-HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO ANSWER?
NO, I TOLD YOU... I'M NOT ANY WICKED DEITY'S APOSTLE.
IT SUCKS, BUT I'VE GOTTA KEEP GIVING THE SAME EXCUSE.

RUSTLE
AH WELL, LET'S LEAVE THE MATTER AT THAT.
HM? IS SHE... LETTING ME GO?
BY THE WAY... YOU THERE, MAGE WITH THE RED HAIR.
Y-YES!
HUH?
HAVE YOU NOTICED THAT YOUR BODY IS BEING IMMO-LATED BY YOUR OWN MANA?

DID YOU THINK IT WAS NATURAL?
NO, YOUR HIGH BODY HEAT IS THE RESULT OF YOUR UNRESTRAINED MANA.
IT'S AN ITEM THAT WILL CALM YOUR MANA'S FLOW.
WH-WHAT DO I DO?
POP
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I'LL GRANT YOU THIS. WEAR IT ON YOUR ARM.
WHA—
IT COSTS AS MUCH AS A HOUSE, SO DON'T BREAK IT.

YOU'RE REALLY GIVING THAT AWAY?
SOUNDS A LITTLE TOO GENEROUS. SHE'S NOT GONNA BILL US FOR AN ARM AND A LEG LATER, RIGHT?
THE GREAT DEMON LORD'S REVIVAL IS IMMINENT, SO I'M SEARCHING FOR STRONG FIGHTERS.
I CANNOT AFFORD TO LET AN EXCELLENT MAGE SLEEP ON HER POTENTIAL.
I SEE. IT'S LIKE AN UPFRONT INVESTMENT.
AND YOU, LAMIA WHO'S BEEN STUFFING HER FACE.
FWUH?
SASA! AT LEAST WASH YOUR FOOD DOWN FIRST!

YOUR TRANS-FORMATION SKILL IS SUPERB.
IT'S NOT LIMITED TO HUMANS. YOUR SKILL ALLOWS YOU TO CHANGE INTO ANYTHING, EVEN A DRAGON OR A DEMON.
HUH? BUT MY SISTERS CALLED IT "HUMAN DISGUISE MAGIC" WHEN THEY TAUGHT IT TO ME.
YES, LAMIAE DO POSSESS THAT SKILL.
BUT *YOUR* SKILL IS OF A HIGHER LEVEL.
I HAD NO IDEA I COULD DO THAT...

ALSO... YOU'VE DIED ONCE, NO?
YOU SEEM TO HAVE LOST ONE...BUT BECAUSE OF AN EFFECT FROM THAT "ACTION GAME PLAYER" OR WHATNOT SKILL OF YOURS, YOU HAVE FOUR EXTRA LIVES LEFT.
AN EXTRA LIVES SYSTEM?!
SO THAT'S WHY I DIDN'T STAY DEAD AFTER THOSE HARPIES KILLED ME...
WH-WHAT DOES ALL THAT MEAN?!
"EXTRA LIFE" IS A TERM FROM OUR WORLD THAT BASICALLY MEANS YOU GET A DO-OVER WHEN YOU DIE.
YOU MEAN IT'S REVIVAL MAGIC?! THAT'S AMAZING...

OKAY, SO DON'T DIE FOUR MORE TIMES! GOTTA BE CAREFUL!
HOW ABOUT TRYING NOT TO DIE ANY MORE TIMES?
I DIDN'T THINK THIS WAS HOW I'D LEARN ABOUT ONE OF SASA'S SKILLS...
I'M IMPRESSED WITH THE GRANDSAGE. SHE'S GIVING US SUCH HELPFUL ITEMS AND ADVICE... IS SHE JUST HERE FOR OUR MIDSEASON UPGRADES?
HMPH, THAT SHOULD DO.
WHEN YOU ALL REACH HIGHLAND, COME TO MY PLACE. I'LL GIVE YOU SOME TRAINING.
HUH? IT'S OVER?

UM... YOU'RE SURE WE CAN GO?
WE'RE A PARTY OF A DEMON, A MONSTER, AND A WICKED DEITY'S APOSTLE. SHE'S GOT LIKE A ROYAL FLUSH OF CRIMINALS IN HER HANDS, RIGHT?

AS I SAID BEFORE, I'D LIKE TO SECURE STRONG FIGHTERS TO PREPARE FOR THE GREAT DEMON LORD'S REVIVAL.
IF YOU HAPPEN TO JOIN THE ENEMY, I'LL SIMPLY CORRECT MY MISTAKE BY WIPING YOU OUT.
YIKES!!!

BUT, GRANDSAGE... ER, MA'AM. WE DON'T REALLY HAVE ANY PLANS TO FIGHT THIS GREAT DEMON LORD.
HUH? WE DON'T?
BUT I THOUGHT YOU LOVED THAT SORTA THING, TAKATSUKI.
LOOK, I'M NO HERO, AND I'M CERTAINLY FAR FROM STRONG.
THE GREAT DEMON LORD'S RESURRECTION WILL INCITE A WAR BETWEEN MONSTERS AND ALL BEINGS ON THIS CONTINENT.
IF WE LOSE, THEN EVERY ONE OF US WILL BE DOOMED TO A LIFE OF SERVITUDE BENEATH THE MONSTERS.
...
SO, NO WAY OUT, HUH?

I SUGGEST YOU QUIT THIS APOSTLE BUSINESS BY THE NEXT TIME WE MEET.
SERVING THAT WICKED GODDESS WILL BRING YOU NOTHING BUT TROUBLE...
NOW THEN, IT'S ABOUT TIME YOU CALL FOR THAT HERO OF LIGHT OUTSIDE.
I'D LIKE A WORD WITH HIM AS WELL.
ALL RIGHT, WE'LL TAKE OUR-
ELEMEN-TALER BOY...
...
WE'LL... TAKE OUR LEAVE.

SHE TURNED OUT TO BE A NICE GIRL WHO GAVE US ADVICE AND ITEMS.
COULD'VE DONE WITHOUT THAT LAST WARNING, THOUGH.

RIGHT, SPEAKING OF WHICH...
LUCY, SASA...
I'M SORRY FOR NOT TELLING YOU ABOUT THE WICKED DEITY THING.
WELL, IT *WAS* A SURPRISE...
I DON'T REALLY GET IT...

BUT YOU'RE STILL TAKATSUKI, RIGHT?
BUT YOU'RE STILL MAKOTO, RIGHT?
...

I VISITED THE GREAT MAZE LABYRINTHOS BECAUSE OF NOAH'S REVELATION.

I DEFINITELY HAD A FATEFUL ENCOUNTER HERE. AND SO, OUR ADVENTURE IN THE DEPTHS OF THE DUN-GEON HAS COME TO A CLOSE.

HOWEVER, THERE'S STILL A CONCERN THAT WEIGHS HEAVY ON MY HEART...

THERE YOU SHALL FIND A FATEFUL ENCOUNTER AWAITING YOU.

I'LL SHOW YOU AROUND TOWN ONCE WE GET THERE.

OOOH, I CAN'T WAIT!

ANYWAY, WHAT'RE WE DOING TO-MORROW?

OH! UH, I THINK FUJIYAN AND NINA ARE RETURNING TO MACALLAN.

GUESS WE SHOULD HEAD HOME TOO.

SOUNDS GOOD! I'M STARTING TO MISS MACALLAN.

EVERYTHING ABOUT NOAH'S APOSTLE FROM ONE THOUSAND YEARS AGO...
THE HERO KILLER.
THE MAD HERO.
I'VE GOT SOME QUESTIONS FOR MY GODDESS THAT NEED ANSWERS.

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Chapter 26
Pact between Goddess and Believer

THE WICKED DEITY NOAH.
HER LAST FOLLOWER WAS FROM A THOUSAND YEARS AGO AND CALLED "THE MAD HERO" AND "THE HERO KILLER."
THINKING BACK, ALL THE STORIES I'VE HEARD ABOUT NOAH MAKE HER SOUND LIKE NOTHING BUT TROUBLE.

BUT THE NOAH I KNOW...
CHARM SPELL!
NO! NO! I DON'T WANNA! PLEASE, SAY YES!
I DIDN'T MEAN TO TRICK YOU! I JUST... LEFT THAT PART OUT...
...
WELL, SHE'S MOSTLY TROUBLE, HUH?
STILL, THERE'S MORE TO HER THAN THAT.
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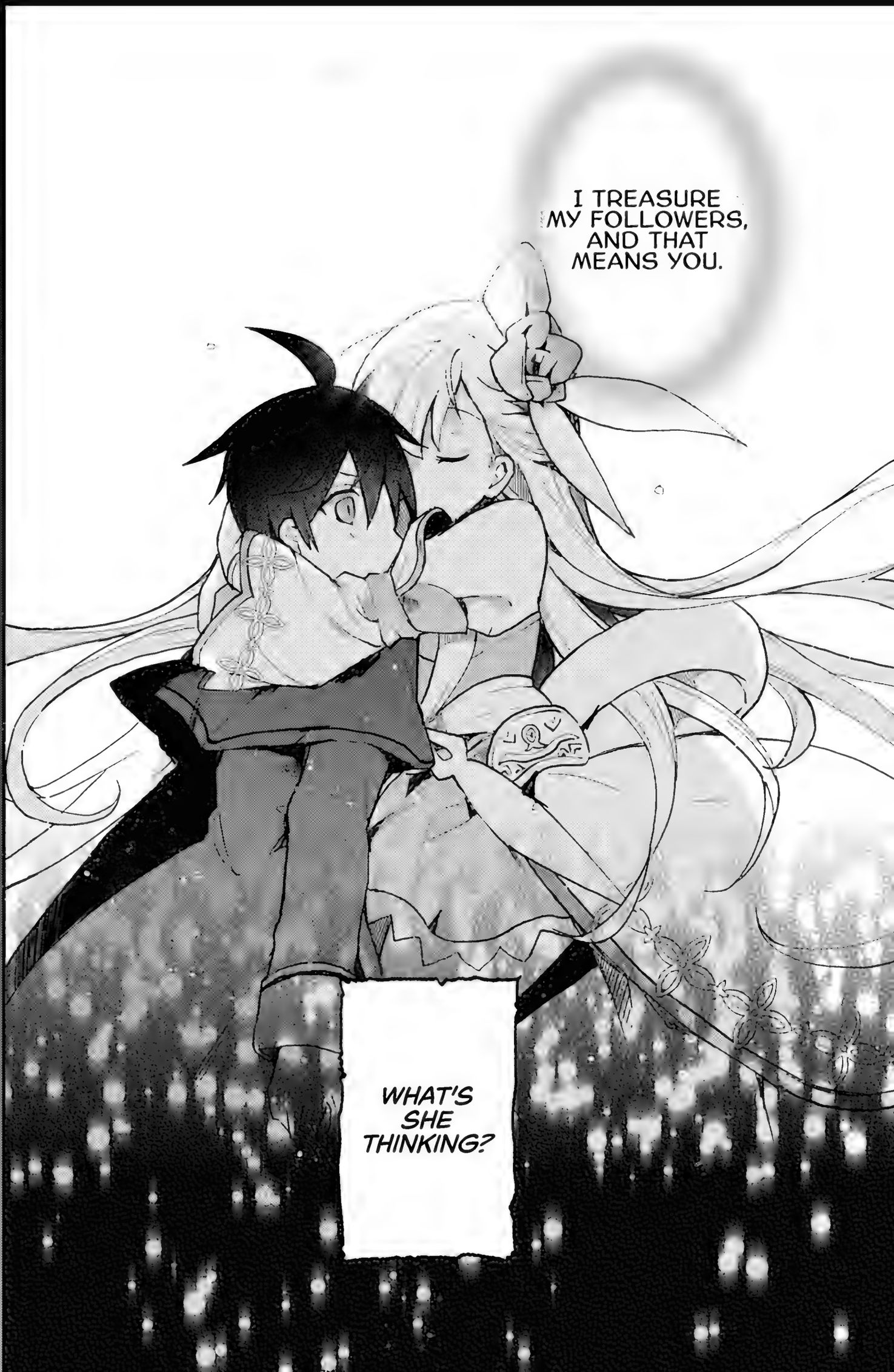
I'VE SEEN DIFFERENT SIDES OF NOAH MYSELF...
I'VE WATCHED YOU THIS WHOLE TIME.
YOU REALLY OUGHTA KNOW YOUR LIMITS!
MAKOTO.


I TREASURE MY FOLLOWERS, AND THAT MEANS YOU.
WHAT'S SHE THINKING?

FWOO
WELL, I FIGURED SHE'D CALL FOR ME, BUT...
NOAH, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
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MAKOTO, YOU WANNA QUIT BEING MY BELIEVER, DON'T YOU?
I CAN TELL. YOU'RE ALL WORRIED ABOUT WHAT LITTLE WHITE RIDING HOOD SAID...
WHITE RIDING HOOD? AH, SHE MUST MEAN THE GRAND-SAGE.
TOMORI
NOAH, WERE YOU ON THE GREAT DEMON LORD'S SIDE A THOU-SAND YEARS AGO?
SO WHAT IF I WAS?
WHATCHA GONNA DO? BREAK OUR PACT?
WHAT COULD POSSIBLY MAKE YOU SUGGEST THAT?

I MEAN... YOU DON'T TRUST ME, RIGHT?
OH YEAH. SHE CAN READ MINDS.

I'VE THOUGHT YOU WERE SHADY SINCE THE MOMENT I MET YOU.
HIDING YOUR NAME AND THE WICKED DEITY STUFF SURE DIDN'T HELP.
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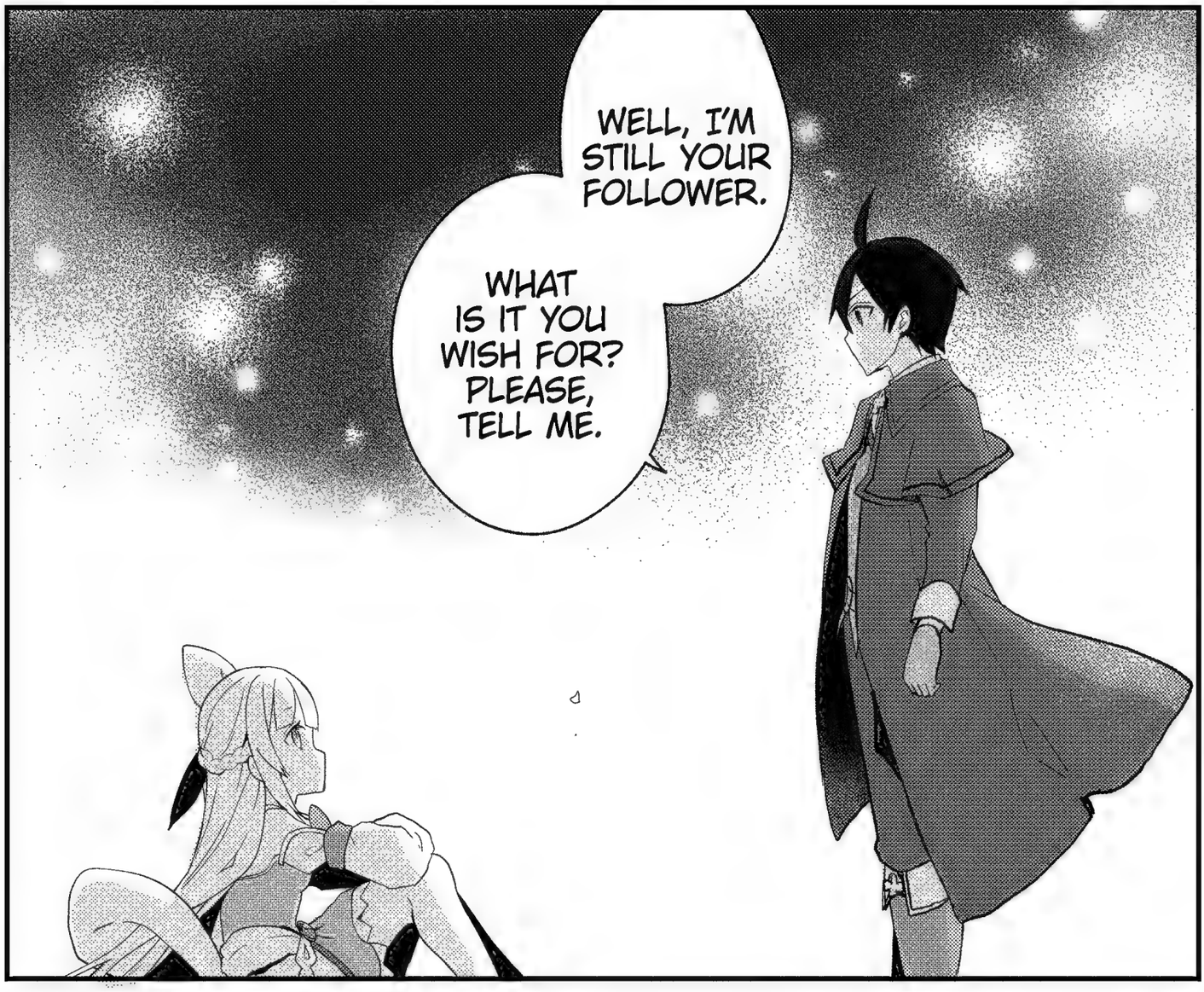
GEH.

BUT EVEN THEN...


WELL, I'M STILL YOUR FOLLOWER.
WHAT IS IT YOU WISH FOR? PLEASE, TELL ME.

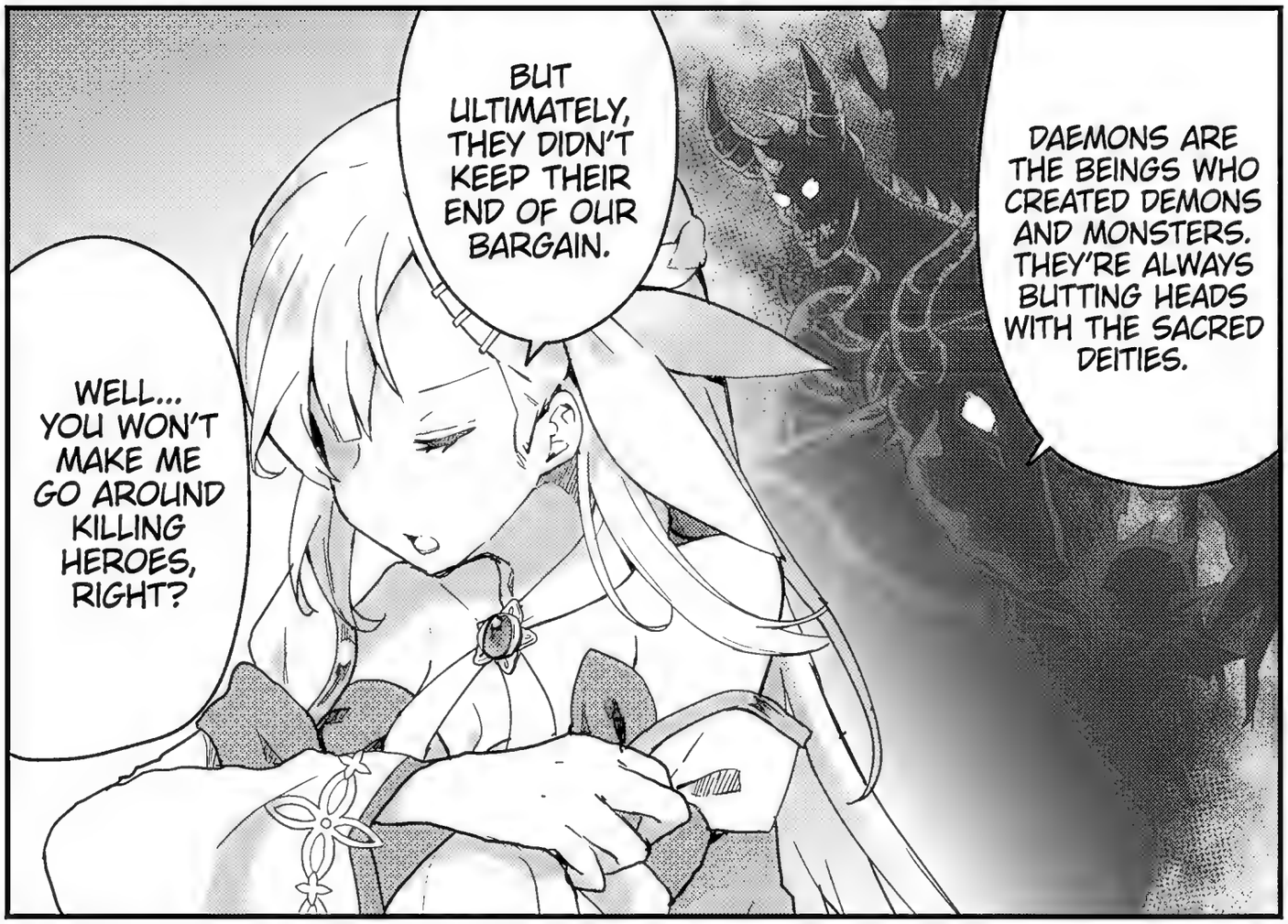
ALL RIGHT... FINE. I'LL TELL YOU EVERY-THING.

HEH ㇷ゛
YOU'VE GOT IT BACK-WARDS.
WHY'S A BELIEVER ASKING HIS GODDESS THAT?

FOR AS FAR BACK AS I CAN REMEMBER, I'VE ALWAYS BEEN ALONE. WHEN MY BRETHREN, THE TITANS, WERE DEFEATED DURING TITANOMACHY...
...THE SACRED DEITIES SEALED THEM ALL OFF, LEAVING ME COMPLETELY ISOLATED.

FOR THE NEXT FIFTEEN MILLION YEARS, I TRIED EVERY-THING I COULD THINK OF TO FREE MY FAMILY. ALL ON MY OWN.
CLENCH
IN THE END, I GOT LOCKED AWAY IN THE SEAFLOOR TEMPLE, AND MY HOPES WERE DASHED.
AT THAT POINT, I KNEW I COULDN'T ACHIEVE ANYTHING ALONE.

BUT EVEN NOW...I WANT TO SAVE MY FAMILY.
SO THAT'S NOAH'S REAL WISH...
WHY DID YOUR APOSTLE FROM A THOUSAND YEARS AGO KILL ALL THOSE HEROES?
Y'KNOW THE DAEMONS WHO SIDED WITH THE GREAT DEMON LORD?
THEY OFFERED ME A DEAL— ELIMINATE ALL THE HEROES, AND THEY WOULD SAVE MY FAMILY.
D-DAEMONS? THERE'S ANOTHER SET OF DEITIES?!


DAEMONS ARE THE BEINGS WHO CREATED DEMONS AND MONSTERS. THEY'RE ALWAYS BUTTING HEADS WITH THE SACRED DEITIES.
BUT ULTIMATELY, THEY DIDN'T KEEP THEIR END OF OUR BARGAIN.
WELL... YOU WON'T MAKE ME GO AROUND KILLING HEROES, RIGHT?

D'YOU THINK YOU *CAN* BEAT A HERO?
THAT WOULD MEAN SAKURAI, SO...
UH... NOT HAP-PENIN'.
Besides, I'm not gonna fight my own classmate.

THE SITUATION'S TOTALLY DIFFERENT FROM WHAT IT WAS A THOUSAND YEARS AGO. BACK THEN, THE GREAT DEMON LORD AND THE DAEMONS RULED THE LAND.
HUMANS HAD LOST ALL HOPE, SO THEIR FAITH IN THE SACRED DEITIES WAS WANING.
THAT'S WHY I FIGURED I'D HAVE BETTER ODDS SIDING WITH THE DAEMONS.
SIGH... OF COURSE.

BUT NOW, IT'S THE TOTAL OPPOSITE!
FOLLOWING ANY OLD SACRED DEITY IS LIKE AN OBLIGATORY PART OF LIFE!
HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO GET FOLLOWERS WITH THAT KINDA COMPETITION?!
SHE'S ALWAYS LOOKIN' OUT FOR NUMBER ONE...

WHICH IS WHY, MAKOTO, WHEN YOU AND YOUR CLASSMATES CAME HERE FROM THE OTHERWORLD, I KNEW I HAD MY CHANCE!
JAPANESE PEOPLE AREN'T RELIGIOUS LIKE THAT.
So I was your big break, huh?
WHAT EXACTLY DO YOU WANT TO DO NOW?
SACRED DEITIES GAIN THEIR POWER FROM THE PEOPLE'S DEVOTION.
RECRUITING MORE FOLLOWERS, RAMPING UP THE INTENSITY OF THEIR BELIEVERS' PIETY...
THESE THINGS STRENGTHEN THE SACRED DEITIES' DOMINION. BUT IF SOMETHING MAKES BELIEVERS LOSE HOPE, FAITH IN THE SACRED DEITIES WILL DWINDLE, AND THEIR POWER WILL WEAKEN.

I'D RATHER NOT TURN INTO THE GREAT DEMON LORD'S LACKEY, THOUGH.
YEAH, I GET IT. BELIEVE ME, I WON'T TRUST THOSE JERKS OR THE DAEMONS EVER AGAIN.
SOME-THING TO MAKE BELIEVERS LOSE HOPE...
LIKE THE GREAT DEMON LORD RESURRECT-ING?
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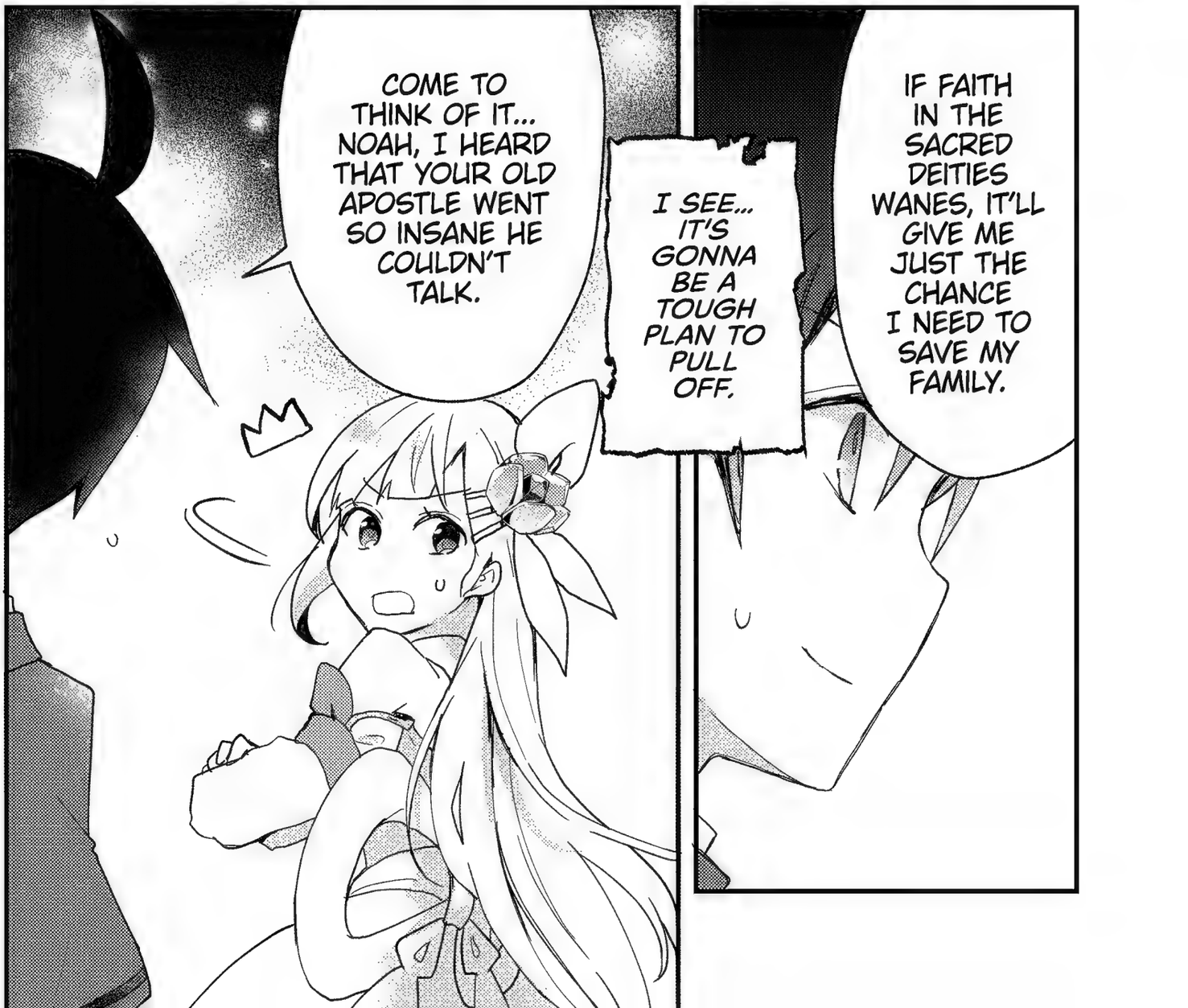
STILL, A CHANCE IS A CHANCE. FAITH IN THE SACRED DEITIES HAS CONSTANTLY RISEN OVER THE PAST THOUSAND YEARS.
THE DAEMONS DON'T LIKE THAT, SO THEY'RE PLANNING TO INVADE THE SURFACE WITH ALL THE MONSTERS THEY'VE GOT.
THAT MIGHT GIVE US AN OPPORTU-NITY.
HOW SO, SPECIFI-CALLY?

"THE GODDESS MAKOTO FOLLOWS MUST BE WAY COOLER!" WE'LL BE THE TALK OF THE CONTINENT!
BY HAVING YOU SAVE THE DAY BETTER THAN THE SACRED DEITIES' HEROES EVER COULD!
PEOPLE WILL BE ALL, "WE CAN'T RELY ON THOSE DANG SACRED DEITIES!"
YOU'RE SURE IT'S GONNA WORK THAT WELL?


COME TO THINK OF IT... NOAH, I HEARD THAT YOUR OLD APOSTLE WENT SO INSANE HE COULDN'T TALK.
I SEE... IT'S GONNA BE A TOUGH PLAN TO PULL OFF.
IF FAITH IN THE SACRED DEITIES WANES, IT'LL GIVE ME JUST THE CHANCE I NEED TO SAVE MY FAMILY.

THAT'S NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS, MAKOTO. CHARM DOESN'T EVEN WORK ON YOU.
THAT MAKES IT OKAY?
HMPH!
THAT WAS INTENTIONALLY POOR PHRASING ON WHITE HOOD'S PART.
HE JUST CAME OFF AS A LITTLE QUIRKY BECAUSE HE WAS SO HEAD OVER HEELS FOR ME!
OHHH.
SO, NOAH USED HER CHARM SPELL ON HER OLD APOSTLE...
WELL, FOR STARTERS, DEITIES HAVE COMPLETELY DIFFERENT VALUES FROM HUMANS.
I DOUBT WE'LL EVER TOTALLY UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER.

SCOOT
レイ
SO!
WHAT'S IT GONNA BE?
I MEAN, IT'S KIND OF A TALL ORDER-
DING ポーン

バーン!
DA-DUHN
FOR REAL?!
THIS MIGHT BE THE BIGGEST HEADACHE OF A CHOICE IT'S GIVEN ME YET...
ACCEPT THE OFFER FROM THE WICKED DEITY NOAH AND OVERTURN THE WORLD SYSTEM?
YES
NO
チラ
GLANCE
HUH. A GODDESS WHO KEPT CHALLENGING THE SACRED DEITIES ALL ON HER OWN...

NOAH WAS THE FIRST BEING TO CALL OUT TO ME AFTER I LEFT THE WATER TEMPLE.

THANKS TO HER BLESSING, I MANAGED TO SURVIVE AFTER FIGHTING THAT GRIFFIN.
NOAH ALSO GRANTED ME ELEMENTAL MAGIC.
SHE HELPED ME REUNITE WITH SAKURAI AND SASA TOO.
NOAH REALLY HAS BEEN DOING ALL THE GIVING AROUND HERE...

NOAH...

IF I CAN'T REWARD GRACE WITH GRATITUDE, THEN I'M NOTHING BUT AN IN-GRATE.

ACCEPT THE OFFER FROM THE WICKED DEITY NOAH AND OVERTURN THE WORLD SYSTEM?

▶YES

NO

DAAAAAH

AND I HAVEN'T OFFERED HER ANY-THING IN RETURN.

LET US MAKE YOUR WISH COME TRUE.

AND SO...
I OFFICIALLY BECAME A WICKED DEITY'S APOSTLE, PLOTTING WITH NOAH TO TURN THIS WORLD ON ITS HEAD.
WHY THANK YOU, MAKOTO.
WH-
IT MAKES ME WON-DER...
MAYBE HER CHARM SPELL HAS BEEN AFFECTING ME AFTER ALL.

MS. SASAKI! BE CARE-FUL'H!
WOOHOO!
WOWEE!
SO THIS IS AN AIRSHIP?
SASA'S ACTING JUST LIKE LUCY DID. GLAD SHE'S HAVING FUN.

OH... I DIDN'T SAY GOODBYE TO SAKURAI...
GUESS I CAN HIT UP HIGHLAND LATER IF I FEEL LIKE IT.

TAKA-TSUKI, THE WIND FEELS SO NICE UP HERE!
SURE DOES.
COME TO THINK OF IT, I WAS TALKING ABOUT HOW I WISHED SASA AND I COULD'VE ADVENTURED TOGETHER...
CAN'T HIDE ANYTHING FROM YOU, FUJIYAN.
WHATCHA GRINNING FOR, TAKA-TSUKI?
?
HUH? OH, RIGHT.

I'M JUST SO HAPPY THAT WE CAN GO HOME TOGETHER.
SASA, I'M REALLY GLAD WE MET AGAIN.
UH, AH, YEAH! ME TOO...
HM? DID I SAY SOMETHING WEIRD?
MAKOTO! AYA!
FUJIWARA SAYS HE'S PUTTING OUT TEA!
I HEARD THERE'S CAKE TOO.
REALLY? HOORAY!

GEE, MAKOTO, YOU SURE LOOK GIDDY.
DO I?
LET'S GOOO!
YOU LIKE BEING WITH AYA THAT MUCH?
YEAH. SHE'S ONE OF THE FEW FRIENDS I HAD IN MY OLD WORLD.
YOU DON'T SAY...
BUT IT'S THANKS TO YOU THAT WE ALL GET TO GO HOME TOGETHER. I APPRECIATE IT.
WHA, I DIDN–
FWOOOSH
ヒュオオ
EEK!
CARE-FUL!

THAT WAS SCARY. A BIG GUST, I GUESS.
THANK YOU... MAKOTO...
...
LUCY?
UM, I'M NOT SURE WHEN TO LET GO OF HER...
HEY NOW!!!

I LEAVE FOR TWO SECONDS AND YOU'RE ALREADY MAKIN' MOVES!
WH- WHAT DO YOU MEAN, MOVES?!
FWIP
C'MON, LU! TEA'S GETTING COLD!
GLAD THEY SEEM TO BE GETTING ALONG... I THINK?
I WONDER IF THIS ADVENTURE WOULD BE A SUCCESS BY NOAH'S STANDARDS...
ON SECOND LOOK, IT'S A WIDE WORLD OUT THERE.

THIS VAST LAND BELONGS TO THE SACRED DEITIES...

...SO TO NOAH, THE WHOLE WORLD IS ENEMY TERRITORY.

WHICH MAKES ME, HER APOSTLE, AN ENEMY OF THE WORLD.

MAKO-TOOO?

HEY! WE'RE LEAVING!

LOOKS LIKE THERE'S A LONG ROAD AHEAD.

BUT THAT MAKES CLEARING A GAME ALL THE MORE WORTH-WHILE.

JUST WAIT FOR ME, NOAH.

To Be Continued.

Full Clearing Another World under a GODDESS with Zero Believers

"It's getting late, Makoto," Lucy said with a yawn. "I'm gonna head to bed."

Sasa nodded. "Me toooo. G'night, Takatsuki."

"I'll show ya to your rooms, then'h."

We had left Labyrinthos and were now flying back to Macallan. To celebrate the success of our adventure, we'd decided to throw a small party on the airship. After the festivities had reached their peak, Lucy and Sasa decided to turn in for the night. Nina left to show them to their rooms.

"Well, my esteemed Tackie, it appears that only you and I remain."

"Looks like it. But hey, the night's still young, so we may as well take it easy."

Fujiyan and I were left alone at the ship's bar. We took small sips of wine alongside occasional nibbles of ham and smoked cheese. Outside, the moon and stars were lovely—there wasn't a single cloud in the night sky to obscure them. The evening air felt pleasant on our skin.

"Incidentally, my esteemed Tackie..."

"What is it?"

As I gazed up at the full moon, Fujiyan raised a certain question as casually as he would any other.

"May I ask who you, uh, *prefer* between Miss Lucy and Miss Sasaki?"

"Pfft!"

I accidentally spat out my wine. *Wh-Where the heck did that come from, Fujiyan?*

"My question is hardly a bolt from the blue. Their fondness for you is quite obvious."

"Well... Yeah, I've noticed. But still..."

Lucy had always been a bit touchy-feely with her affection, and the intensity had only increased after my reunion with Sasa. As for Sasa's feelings, well... She was a lot more up close and personal than she'd ever been in middle or high school, possibly as a reaction to Lucy's behavior. As such, it would be no exaggeration to say that the two girls had been coming on to me during the entire party. But...

"Oh ho ho... Quite the lady's man you've become, my esteemed Tackie."

"W-Well, what about you and Nina, huh?"

"Yes, a fair point. I suppose it's about time for your humble compatriot to settle down."

"I... Huh?" I blurted out, baffled by this curveball. "Settle down? You don't mean...?"

"I do, in fact, mean marriage."

"Wha?!" Even my *Calm Mind* skill couldn't keep me from raising my voice. "N-No way... Fujiyan, it can't be..."

"Ah, but it is. I've no reason to conceal the truth." Fujiyan leveled me with a dead-serious gaze. "Oh ho! Now that your humble compatriot has laid his soul bare, I do believe it's your turn, my esteemed Tackie. Though I will admit—given my *Mind Reading* skill, I already know what your heart has to say."

"Wait, that's right! I'm an open book to you!"

Getting flustered was a waste of energy! I grabbed my glass and gulped down the remainder of the contents. The alcohol coursed through me, and I got woozy in no time.

"M-My word, are you all right?" Fujiyan asked worriedly.

I was now slurring my speech a bit, but I gave him my answer.

"I mean... They're both cute, 'n they're both coming on so strong, so o'course...I like both of 'em!"

"My, my... This means that you cannot rank one above the other?"

"Heck no I can't!"

Lucy and Sasa were both cute. Asking a dateless virgin like me to pick a favorite was just out of the question. I poured myself some more wine and chugged yet another glass.

"Hmmm... So, my esteemed Tackie, you mean to say you're in love with both of them?"

"Luh, love? I... I mean, I like them. Y'know, like a normal amount. They're good friends 'n all."

"Oh? You merely like them, you say? You don't love them?"

"M-Man, Fujiyan, you really ain't givin' me a break tonight... Yeah, love, okay?! I'm in love with both of 'em!"

Exasperated, I shouted that last bit. Ah, my face was getting hot; I had to fan myself with my hands to cool off.

"I believe you two heard him loud and clear!"

"Uh... Huh?"

Fujiyan's sudden exclamation gave me a very bad feeling. It didn't take long to figure out why.

"Oh, Makoto, you silly! ☆ If that's how you felt, you should've said so sooner."

"Tee hee! Takatsuki said he loves me! ☆"

Behind us, Lucy and Sasa appeared in their sleepwear.

"W-Weren't you two supposed to be in bed?"

"After hearing what you were talking about out here, how could we sleep?"

"Lu asked me to take a peek with her!"

"Wha— Hey! Don't tell them that, Aya!"

While Sasa and Lucy giggled amongst themselves, I felt like my head was spinning. Had they...heard what I just said? Given that Lucy and Sasa were now approaching me, both grinning broadly, it sure seemed like it.

"Heyyy, Makoto. How about saying that last bit one more time? ☆"

"I wouldn't mind hearing it again. ♡"

With danger closing in, I shot my dear friend Fujiyan a look that begged for rescue.

"Now then, I do believe it's time for your humble compatriot to prepare for tomorrow with a good night's rest..."

"Y-You traitor!"

I tried to press him for some actual help, but Lucy and Sasa grabbed my arms and kept me from escaping. In the end, I had to listen to those two make fun of me for the entire night.

The next day, I filed a complaint with Fujiyan. However, our party *did* seem closer now that my feelings were out in the open. In that sense, maybe revealing them had been a good thing.

Or, so I choose to believe...

Extra Comic

A Detour While Leaving Labyrinthos

HEY, HEY, MAKOTO, WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THESE CLOTHES?
TAKA-TSUKI, WHAT ABOUT THESE?
THEY'RE, UH, NICE?
SEEING THEM IN NEW OUTFITS REALLY CHANGES THEIR VIBE, HUH...?
CHATTER
CHATTER
WE SAW A BAZAAR ON THE WAY BACK TO MACALLAN, SO WE STOPPED BY.
OOOH, LOOK HERE!
ON THEIR OWN
THIS SIGN SAYS, "CHILLS AND THRILLS! MONSTER HOUSE!"
SOUNDS FUN! LET'S GIVE IT A SHOT!
?
THE HECK IS THAT?
I SEE, SO IT'S LIKE WHAT WE'D CALL A HAUNTED HOUSE IN MODERN TIMES.
THE ONLY DIFFERENCE IS THAT YOU HUNT THE PEOPLE WEARING THE MONSTER COSTUMES INSTEAD OF RUNNING AWAY.
Sorry, part-timer, these girls are just too strong...
TAKE THIS!
BALL!
WAA ARGH?!
ALL RIGHT! HERE'S THE LAST ROOM!
FWP

BLOP
WHOA! IT'S HUGE!
YEP, THIS ONE'S A REAL MONSTER.
THERE'S NO DANGER SINCE IT'S JUST A JELLY SLIME, BUT...
LET'S BEAT IT UP!
DASH
SPL
AH! AYA, DON'T!
HIII-YA!
PHYSICAL ATTACKS ARE A BAD IDEA AGAINST SLIMES... UGH, I FEEL SO GROSS.
WHOA!
I SHOULD PROBABLY LOOK AWAY RIGHT NOW!
IT GOT ONTO MY CLOOOTHES! BLECH, IT FEELS SO SLIMY...

Thank you very much for purchasing Volume 5 of *Goddess with Zero Believers*. This marks the end of the Labyrinthos arc. The Grandsage introduced in this volume appears on the cover of Volume 10 of the source material, in which she serves as a key character. If you're curious, then by all means, give that a read as well. I get the feeling that Shiroi's art of Lucy and Sasa has been getting even cuter. Noah too, of course. Please continue to enjoy this series.

Original work: Isle Osaki

This is Shiroi, author of this manga adaptation.

We're finally at Volume 5!!!
In terms of the source material, we're just about at the end of Volume 2...

I get to draw a bunch of girls now that Sasa's joined the party, so there were plenty of fun scenes to work on!

By the time we reach the next volume, will we finally see a certain character's softer side?! I'm quite excited to draw that.

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